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Only those
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Staff Sgt. Charles Halcome, from the 438th Expeditionary Medical Squadron, administers a flu shot to Airman 1st Class Angel Brown, from the 438th Expeditionary Supply flight, at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Typically all active-duty servicemembers and dependents are vaccinated, but that is not possible this year with flu shots in short supply. Troops downrange are guaranteed to get them, as are the very young, very old and ill family members.

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States

Phone-jamming scandal: Democrats in Concord, N.H., are accusing the Justice Department of playing politics by trying to delay an inquiry into whether President Bush's New England campaign chief played a role in illegal phone-jamming on Election Day 2002.

Computer-generated calls were made to get-out-the-vote phones run by Democrats and the nonpartisan Manchester firefighters' union. More than 800 hang-up calls tied up phones for about 1½ hours.

Last summer, the former executive director of the state GOP pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge and admitted paying \$15,600 to a Virginia telemarketing company that hired another business to make the calls.

RNC expenditures: The Republican National Convention in New York had a total tab of about \$150 million, including security.

Expenses included \$5 million to rent Madison Square Garden, \$11 million to renovate it and \$1 million for 13,298 tickets to Broadway shows for delegates, according to a Federal Election Commission filing this week by the New York City Host Committee.

Another \$28 million was spent on construction inside the arena, and some \$7,000 went for coffee and doughnuts, the filing showed. The federal government contributed \$50 million for security. The city will end up spending about \$7.9 million for security, fire protection, transportation and sanitation, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Snakehead in Chicago: The northern snakehead, a voracious fish that has been pulled from Virginia and Maryland waters, was found in Chicago's Burnham Harbor, to the alarm of biologists.

An angler caught the 18-inch fish last week and, after some thought, he posted a picture of it on the Internet.

The northern snakehead can grow to more than 3 feet, has large teeth and a voracious appetite for other fish. It is usually imported for food or aquariums.

Chicago imposed a ban on northern snakeheads two years ago after an alien discovered one in Maryland. About 20 have been found in the Potomac River.

La. serial killer trial: Already sentenced to life in prison for one murder, Derrick Todd Lee now faces execution for the beating and stabbing death of a 22-year-old woman after a Baton Rouge jury rejected defense claims that he is mentally retarded.

The panel took just over 90 minutes Thursday night to decide on the death penalty for the suspected serial slayer.

Rosa Parks's caretaker: A judge has asked former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer to serve as a guardian to 91-year-old Rosa Parks, amid questions over whether those representing the civil rights pioneer are doing an adequate job.

Parks helped spark a yearlong boycott of the Montgomery, Ala., public bus system — a key civil rights protest — when she was arrested in 1955 for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger.

District Judge George Stept appointed Archer to intervene in two lawsuits filed on behalf of Parks against the record companies of the popular hip-hop duo OutKast.

World

Missing Munch paintings: Nearly two months after a pair of priceless Edward Munch masterpieces were stolen from a



Mount St. Helens activity: More new lava has emerged on the crater floor of Mount St. Helens, expanding the growing rock formation behind the volcano's old lava dome and emitting a red glow at night. Airborne observers also have seen "vigorous jets" of ash and steam near the new growth, and aerial photographs indicated some uplift on the left side of the emerging rock "fin," geologist Tina Neal of the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Norway museum, police said Friday they may be closing on the suspected thieves.

Three masked robbers, including at least one with a pistol, took "The Scream" and "Madonna" and fled in a stolen car in a brazen daylight robbery Aug. 22 that left visitors stunned and the art world reeling in security.

On Friday, police said the getaway car that was later found abandoned was yielding forensic evidence, even though robbers filled it with the powder from a fire extinguisher to cover their tracks and fingerprints.

Nigerian oil strike: Banks reopened their doors, kids trooped back to school and the sick shuffled back to hospital Friday as Africa's top oil producer emerged from a four-day "warning" strike against higher fuel prices that shut down cities across Nigeria.

Union leaders have vowed the work stoppage will resume if the government fails to reduce fuel prices in the next two weeks. Owei Lakemfa, spokesman of the Nigerian Labor Congress, a union coalition that spearheaded the strike, said it had been a success.

Iraq elections: Iraq's president said in an interview published Thursday that the Jan. 31 date for Iraqi elections is "not sacred" and the vote could be postponed if a lack of security threatens the fairness of balloting.

President Ghazi al-Yawer's comments, made in an interview with the Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper, represent a departure from a major policy goal of both the U.S. and Iraqi governments. President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi have insisted the election will proceed as planned despite the growing security crisis.

Released enemy combatant: A South American released after being held by the U.S. military for three years in solitary confinement without charge said in an interview broadcast Thursday that he cooperated with his jailers, calling himself "an innocent man."

Yaser Esam Hamdi, captured in Afghanistan in late 2001 during the U.S. battle

against the Taliban and classified as an "enemy combatant," returned to Saudi Arabia on Monday after negotiating a deal: his freedom in exchange for renouncing his U.S. citizenship and agreeing to live in Saudi Arabia for five years.

"I believe that I'm not an enemy combatant, and I am an innocent person, and I was proving that all the time for them," Hamdi told CNN. "I answered all the questions that they asked me very seriously... and I was cooperative, and I give them all the details."

Schroeder in Libya: Libya has turned its foreign policy around, but differences with the West remain, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Friday as he made the first visit by a German head of government to a country once shunned for its support of terrorism.

The chancellor's visit followed Gadhafi's agreement in August to pay compensation to the non-American victims of a 1986 disco bombing in Berlin. In the past 18 months, Gadhafi has also agreed to compensate relatives of two terrorist airline bombings and to dismantle his country's programs for weapons of mass destruction.

Business

Enron scandal: A judge ruled Friday that three British bankers indicted in the United States on Enron-linked fraud charges could be extradited to stand trial in Texas.

District Judge Nicholas Evans said there was a "good and proper basis" for prosecuting David Bermingham, Giles Darby and Gary Mulgrew in the United States and ruled the case should be sent to Home Secretary David Blunkett for a decision on whether to extradite them.

The three, former employees of the National Westminster Bank, were charged in the United States in 2002 with helping the bank of \$7.3 million in a scheme allegedly engineered by Andrew Fastow, former finance chief of the collapsed energy firm Enron Corp. Each faces seven counts of wire fraud.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

U.S. pushes forward with assault on Fallujah

Top negotiator detained; Car bomb kills 10

By TINI TRAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. warplanes pounded the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, where residents were marking the first day of the holy month of Ramadan on Friday, a day after city leaders suspended peace talks and rejected the Iraqi government's demands to turn over terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

U.S. troops detained Fallujah's top negotiator in the peace talks, witnesses said. Khaleel al-Jumeil, an Islamic cleric, was arrested as he left a mosque after prayers in a village about 10 miles south of Fallujah, they said. There was no immediate U.S. comment.

In Baghdad, a car bomb blew up near a police station in a south-western district, destroying two police vehicles. The U.S. military said 10 people were killed in the blast and four others wounded, though initial reports from the Iraqi Interior Ministry and hospi-



An Iraqi man reviews the damage after a house collapsed Friday following a U.S. military airstrike on Fallujah, west of Baghdad. By sundown, witnesses reported a series of new airstrikes in the southern and eastern part of the city. According to residents, Fallujah has been sealed off by American troops.

itals said one dead and 11 wounded.

In a statement read at sermons in mosques in Baghdad and elsewhere, Fallujah's clerics called for civil disobedience across Iraq if the Americans try to overrun the insurgent bastion. And if that doesn't halt an offensive, the clerics said they would proclaim a jihad, or holy war, against multinational forces "as well as those col-

laborating with them."

The clerics insisted al-Zarqawi was not in the city as U.S. and Iraqi commanders claim, saying his presence "is a lie just like the weapons of mass destruction lie."

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group has claimed responsibility for Thursday's twin bombings inside Baghdad's heavily guarded Green Zone — home to U.S. officials and the Iraqi leadership —

which killed six people, including three American civilians, and wounded 27 others, mostly Iraqis. A fourth American was missing and presumed dead.

Elsewhere, several mortar rounds believed fired from Syria exploded Friday near the border town of Husaybah, said Marine Lt. Col. Chris Woodbridge. There were no casualties. Marines say mortar attacks from Syrian territo-

ry have increased in recent weeks though it's unclear who is launching them.

Jets and artillery hammered Fallujah through the night and early Friday in an apparent effort to quash terrorists suspected of planning attacks timed with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which began Friday.

Three people were killed and seven others injured during the night, according to Rafia Hiyad of Fallujah General Hospital.

By sundown Friday, witnesses reported a series of new airstrikes in the southern and eastern part of the city. One resident, Salah Abd, said Fallujah has been sealed off by American troops, who prevented residents from leaving the area.

Iraqi leaders have been in negotiations to restore government control to Fallujah, which fell under the domination of clerics and their armed mujahideen followers after the end of the three-week Iraqi siege last April.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Wednesday that Fallujah must surrender al-Zarqawi and other foreign fighters or face military action. Talks broke down Thursday when city representatives rejected the "impossible condition" since even the Americans were unable to catch al-Zarqawi, said Abd Alasad, spokesman for the mujahideen council of Fallujah.

Article 32 hearing concludes in death of Iraqi man

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY
Stars and Stripes

HANAU, Germany — One might easily pass the comment off as a desperate plea by a loving father bent on saving his son from a life behind bars.

But his son, Capt. Maynulet, is a captain in the U.S. Army. Dr. Rogelio Maynulet is no ordinary man, especially when you consider the Cuban immigrant worked his way up from being a janitor to the chief of staff of a hospital in Chicago.

"We have given two of our children to America, and we are proud, very proud of them," the retired doctor noted, referring to Capt. Rogelio M. Maynulet and his younger brother, Daniel, an enlisted soldier.

The letter, read in a court by Rogelio Maynulet's attorney, continued: "For us, for his brother, for his sister, for all our friends, family members and for many Americans, regardless of race or religion, he is an American hero."

By all accounts, Capt. Maynulet, known by friends as "Roger," was the consummate soldier. One former commander said the young officer was destined to become "easily, a brigade commander or higher."

And yet, Thursday found Maynulet in a military courtroom for a pretrial hearing relating to the death of an Iraqi man on May 21. The 29-year-old officer has been charged with premeditated murder and dereliction of duty.

"The guy was moving," Capt. Daniel

Sennott, an Army prosecutor, said of the Iraqi man in closing remarks before an Article 32 hearing officer.

Thursday's session at Pioneer Camp in Hanau marked the end of a legal process that began back in Baghdad in June. The Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding, was held to determine whether there is sufficient evidence for Maynulet to stand trial. The hearing officer will make a recommendation that may or may not be accepted by the convening authority, Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey.

Sennott maintained that Maynulet unlawfully killed the man, identified in news reports as Karim Hassan Abed Ali al-Haleji. Al-Haleji, the father of seven, had been a driver for an aid to Shiite religious leader Muqtada al-Sadr.

At the time of the incident, Maynulet was commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division. He and members of his unit were searching for al-Sadr, wanted by authorities for his apparent role in the killing of a rival cleric.

Driving near the cities of Najaf and Kufa, south of Baghdad, Maynulet and his company came across a black sedan they believed contained militia forces. A chase ensued and Maynulet's men fired on the vehicle, injuring the driver and a passenger.

"Shortly thereafter," according to a U.S. Central Command news release, "the wounded driver was shot and killed at close range."

The man who pulled the trigger was Maynulet. As he did so, according to testimony, there were gunshots with insurgents in the immediate vicinity, and evacuation was not possible.

In his remarks Thursday, Sennott cited the testimony of two military doctors who said the Iraqi man was still alive when Maynulet shot him. The testimony was based on a videotape of the incident taken by an unmanned aerial vehicle. The video, which was shown in closed court, apparently showed al-Haleji moving while he sat in his car and after he was taken out for possible treatment.

However, a third doctor, who testified Thursday before the hearing concluded, said otherwise.

Maj. Robert P. Knetsche, chief of spine and neurological surgery at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, said it was "impossible" to say for sure, given the distance and angle of the UAV.

Knetsche testified, via a telephone link, that the man "had lethal injuries" before Maynulet approached him, based on a report by the on-scene medic. It stated there were at least two bullet wounds to the base of the back of the man's skull and that his matter was on his clothes and in the car.

A person in such a state can still show signs of movement, Knetsche said. However, he added, those are often involuntary movements.

Maynulet, Knetsche said, "didn't do anything to this guy other than an act of mercy."

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, 1,086 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 830 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 948 U.S. military members have died — 721 as a result of hostile action and 227 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Thursday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- One U.S. soldier was killed by small arms fire in an attack Thursday in central Baghdad.

- One U.S. soldier was killed by an explosive Thursday in eastern Baghdad.

- Two U.S. soldiers were killed in Ramadi when their Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- Army Spc. Christopher A. Merville, 26, Albuquerque, N.M., killed in an attack Tuesday in Baghdad; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

- Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Wyatt, 22, Calenderia, Wis.; killed Tuesday in Bahl province; assigned to Marine Corps Reserve 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago.

- Marine 2nd Lt. Paul M. Felsberg, 27, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Marine Lance Cpl. Victor A. Gonzalez, 19, Watsonville, Calif.; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army investigating mission refusal

WASHINGTON — The Army is investigating reports that several members of a reservist supply unit in Iraq refused to go on a convoy mission, the military said Friday. Relatives of the soldiers said the troops considered the mission too dangerous after their refusals.

The reservists are from the 343rd Quartermaster Company, which is based in Rock Hill, S.C. The unit delivers food and water in combat zones.

According to The Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson, Miss., a platoon of 17 soldiers refused to go on a fuel supply mission Wednesday because their vehicles were in poor shape and they did not have a capable armed escort.

The paper cited interviews with family members of some of the soldiers, who said the soldiers had been confined after their refusals. The mission was carried out by other soldiers from the 343rd, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said.

From The Associated Press

Officials: Sanchez may be promoted

General oversaw Abu Ghraib operations

BY JOHN HENDREN

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to promote Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, former head of military operations in Iraq, risking a confrontation with members of Congress because of the prison abuses that occurred during his tenure.

Senior Pentagon officials, including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, privately have told colleagues they are determined to pin a fourth star on Sanchez, two senior defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said this week.

Rumsfeld and others recognize that Sanchez remains politically "radioactive," in the words of a third senior defense official, and would wait until after the Nov. 2 presidential election and ongoing investigations of the Abu Ghraib affair have faded before putting his name forward.

Top Pentagon strategists do not have a specific four-star job in mind for Sanchez, and the officials conceded that the appointment would probably not occur if Bush were defeated in his re-election bid by Democratic rival Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who has made his criticism of the conduct of the war a centerpiece of his campaign.

Among his duties in Iraq, Sanchez oversaw detention facilities, including the Abu Ghraib prison.

Support for the general among the senior most policy-makers in the Pentagon reflects the Bush administration's insistence that the prisoner abuse affair — which began in Abu Ghraib, outside of Baghdad, and then drew scrutiny to military jails in Afghanistan and the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — was an aberration.

But an appointment would force an almost certain confrontation in the Senate, where Democrats and some Republicans who would have to approve the nomination have criticized Sanchez's oversight of Abu Ghraib and the conduct of the war.

"If they really felt comfortable about this and felt it was justifiable, they would do it before the election," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who was skeptical of the timing.

A junior Senate Republican aide was more blunt.

"I would say that he would have a snowball's chance," the

aide said, on condition of anonymity. "Somebody needs to be held accountable ... He failed in his leadership role."

Earlier this year, Sanchez was Rumsfeld's choice to take over the U.S. Southern Command, a post that would elevate the three-star general to four stars. But his name was never formally offered after Senate Armed Services Committee members challenged Sanchez's role in overseeing the war and the Abu Ghraib prison affair.

Sanchez already is the highest-ranking Hispanic in the U.S. military and would be the first to become one of the 33 four-star generals and full admirals, which represent the highest permanent rank.

"He commands a tremendous amount of respect. And what a tough job he had. He gets credit for that," an Army official said on condition of anonymity. "If civilian heads can prevail, they'll look at a soldier whose capability exceeds all those things."

A powerful constituency is pressing for Sanchez's promotion.

Sanchez, who has commanded the Army 5th Corps in Germany since June, remains widely respected throughout the military, particularly in the Army, and his rise from humble beginnings to one of the nation's highest-profile military positions has made him a powerful symbol within the Hispanic community.

"Sanchez was born in the equivalent of a log cabin — no running water, a self-made man," said Charles Krohn, who retired last year as an aide to former Army Secretary Thomas E. White. "Anything perceived as an Anglo plot to hold Sanchez responsible for the sins of others would be looked upon with great disfavor."

Nevertheless, Sanchez would face scrutiny for his oversight of Abu Ghraib and his supervision of the war during a time when the Iraq insurgency wrestled control of a number of cities from the U.S.-led occupation. In a Sept. 9 report to Congress on prison abuse, former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger found that Sanchez was "responsible" for creating an environment that contributed to the abuses of prisoners at Abu Ghraib, but not directly "culpable."

Schlesinger defended Sanchez against formal censure, suggesting that his career was effectively over.

"General Sanchez likely would have gotten his fourth star, and now we're likely to get his fourth star," Schlesinger said. "That is a kind of comment on failed responsibility."

A Sanchez promotion also could anger critics in the Middle East, where Abu Ghraib has become an anti-American rallying cry.



A private contractor looks down into the crater made from a suicide bomb attack at the Green Zone Cafe in Baghdad on Friday. Two bombs were detonated in the Green Zone on Thursday, killing six people and wounding many more in the cafe and at an outdoor market.

DynCorp workers killed in Iraq wanted to keep peace, help out

BY AMY FORLITI

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Whether coaching high school football, training with the Marines or running the city of North Branch as its mayor, John Pinnoneault was a public servant and leader.

His sense of duty sent the 39-year-old to Iraq as a contract worker for the private U.S. security firm DynCorp.

Pinnoneault was killed Thursday in suicide bombings in Baghdad's Green Zone, home to U.S. officials and the Iraqi leadership. Also killed were fellow DynCorp employees Steve Osborne, a 40-year-old police officer and veteran of the war in Afghanistan from Kennesaw, Ga.; and Eric Miner, 44, of Brooklyn, Conn. A fourth American was missing and presumed dead.

Pinnoneault, of North Branch, had served about eight years in the Marines and eight years in the Reserves, his wife, Lorie, said.

He went to Iraq in May in his civilian role.

"One thing he had said was, 'If I can make a difference and maybe keep the younger boys out of there, I need to do that,'" she said. "The cause was just very im-

"One thing he had said was, 'If I can make a difference and maybe keep the younger boys out of there, I need to do that.' The cause was just very important to him."

Lorie Pinnoneault

John Pinnoneault's widow

portant to him."

Osborne had been in Iraq since May and "was protecting dignitaries from the U.S. Embassy," said his sister-in-law, Amy Stafford.

"He loved his country and was proud to serve it," Stafford said.

Miner was the first Connecticut civilian killed since the war began last year.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Miner in Iraq. Though he was not a member of the armed services he was a representative of the United States and his death is no less a tragedy," Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Roll said in a statement Thursday night.

Lorie Pinnoneault said that even though her husband was in danger, he would send e-mails to

make sure everything was running smoothly at home.

"John was very dynamic. He was very much a leader, very ambitious and motivational," she said.

The couple had been married for about nine years. John Pinnoneault had a 19-year-old daughter, and Lorie Pinnoneault has three children ages 18 through 22.

Osborne had worked with DynCorp in Bosnia, then was a police officer in Villa Rica, Ga., west of Atlanta, Stafford said. He was in the Army Reserve and in Afghanistan two years ago with the Special Forces, she said.

"He was constantly training with the military and was with the Cobb County Police Department," she said.

A woman who identified herself as Miner's sister was too grief-stricken to talk to a reporter by phone.

Terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group has claimed responsibility for Thursday's twin bombings, which killed six people in all, including two Iraqis, at least one of them a suicide bomber. The identity of the other wasn't known.

On Friday, U.S. warplanes pounded the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, a day after the city's leaders suspended peace talks and rejected the Iraqi government's demands to turn over al-Zarqawi.

Late Thursday, Fallujah residents reported what they said was the most intensive shelling since U.S. forces began attacks aimed at al-Zarqawi's network.



Pinnoneault

Survey: Troops satisfied, but stressed

But satisfaction numbers drop from last poll

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — According to a report obtained by Stars and Stripes, nearly two-thirds of U.S. servicemembers are satisfied with their overall military way of life, but more than half said they are more stressed than usual, a Pentagon survey shows.

More Air Force members reported they were satisfied, while the Army and Marine Corps had the lowest percentage satisfied, according to the 2003 Status of Forces survey by the Defense Manpower Data Center.

More than 32,000 active-duty servicemembers in July and August of last year took the online survey, which asked about everything from work-related stress to the overall satisfaction with health care benefits.

According to the survey, 72 percent of the Air Force members who took the survey said they were satisfied, compared with 61 percent for the Navy and 57 percent for both the Army and Marines. The percentages dropped across the board, but the Navy saw the biggest decrease, dropping from 69 percent to 61 percent.

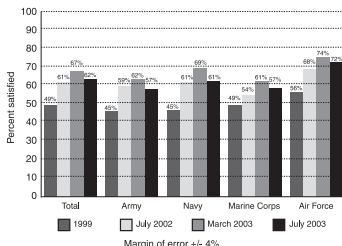
Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Grajales, 26, said he isn't surprised that the Navy posted the largest decrease.

Grajales, who is based in Rota, blames cuts to recreation programs in Navy bases worldwide and the reduction in the number of sailors for the lower figures.

"Whenever there is change, people get worried," he said.

Satisfaction with the military way of life

The military's Defense Manpower Data Center conducted an online survey of 32,000 active-duty servicemembers about various issues, from job satisfaction to health care. The center conducted the survey in the summer of 2003. This graph shows the level of satisfaction with the overall military way of life as reported by servicemembers.



Source: Defense Manpower Data Center

Stars and Stripes

"And satisfaction has gone down because of the decreases in a lot of things."

Senior Chief Petty Officer Todd Pigeon, 37, who has been in the Navy 19 years, said he enjoys being in the military and the many benefits that come with it. Pigeon and his wife were visiting Rota by hitching a ride on a space-available military flight from their home base from the States.

"I think it's pretty good," he said. "My quality of life is pretty good. I take advantage of all the benefits that we get."

Sailors ranked their Navy Exchange stores higher than the Army and Air Force members rated theirs. For example, 78 percent were satisfied overall with the stores. That was 10 points better than what Army and Air Force members said. Sailors and

Marines reported that their commissaries were better than the local retail stores, while more airmen and soldiers rated the military grocery stores worse.

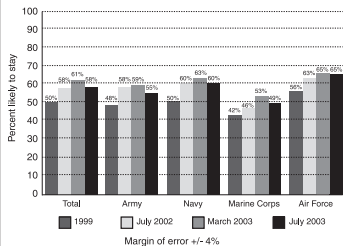
Sixty-five percent of servicemembers said they were satisfied with their military health care benefits, but 55 percent said civilian doctors were more skilled than military doctors. Only 22 percent said the quality of health care in the military is better than what they would find off base.

The Air Force is generally perceived among servicemembers as having better housing, and the survey showed that airmen are the happiest with their living quarters.

Sixty-six percent of the airmen surveyed said they were satisfied with housing in general. That's 13 percentage points higher

Military retention

This graph indicates the percentage of servicemembers who said it was likely that they would stay on active duty.

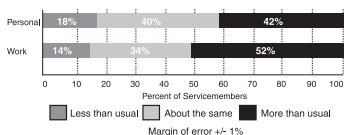


Source: Defense Manpower Data Center

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Personal and work stress

This graph shows the current level of personal and work-related stress reported by servicemembers.



Source: Defense Manpower Data Center

Stars and Stripes

than the Army, 14 points higher than the Marine Corps and three points higher than the Navy.

With the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq, many servicemembers said they were stressed. Army members and lower-enlisted personnel reported

the highest levels of personal stress, especially males.

The work "tempo" might have something to do with it. Military personnel — led by the soldiers and Marines — worked an average of 95 days of overtime in a 12-month period.

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Military members, families trust Bush to lead, poll shows

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When asked who they would trust as commander in chief, people in military service and their families chose President Bush over Sen. John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran, by almost a 3-to-1 margin.

Bush, who served in the Texas Air National Guard, was more trusted by 69 percent while 24 percent said they trusted Kerry more, according to the National Annenberg Election Survey released Friday.

Among all Americans, Bush has a more narrow advantage on trust to be commander in chief, 50 percent to 41 percent.

The military sample was far more likely to be Republican than Democratic, which could help explain the more favorable view of the president. Forty-three percent of the military sample said they were Republicans, while 19 percent said Democrats and 27 percent identified themselves as independents. Yet indepen-

dents in the military sample, when compared to civilians, were also more pro-Bush.

Those in the military and their families have a more favorable view of Bush than Americans generally, and they take a more optimistic view about Iraq, the economy and the nation's direction.

The military sample was split on whether Bush had a clear plan for a solution in Iraq, with 47 percent saying he had a plan and 48 percent saying he lacked a plan. But he rated better with them than with the general population, where 38 percent said he had a plan and 56 percent said he did not.

On particular traits, the military sample gave Bush an advantage on caring, leadership, sharing their values, knowledge, consistency and optimism, which contradicted the American public's view in general. Military and their families did consider Bush more stubborn.

A majority in the military sample, 64 percent, said the country is on the right track. Among Americans generally, 55

percent said the country is headed in the wrong direction.

The National Annenberg Election Survey found that 69 percent had a favorable view of Bush. Only 29 percent had a favorable view of Kerry.

Two members of Bush's cabinet also drew positive balances from the military sample. (The general population was not asked about them.) Fifty-three percent said they had a favorable opinion of Donald Rumsfeld, secretary of defense, while 24 percent said they had an unfavorable view.

But the strongest rating of all went to Colin Powell, secretary of state. Eighty percent of the military sample had a favorable opinion of him. Only 7 percent had an unfavorable view.

The Annenberg poll did not ask the military respondents who they support for president. The report cited a 1948 law that prohibits polling members of the military about their voting intent.

Reflecting the nonpolitical tradition of the American military, 55 percent said it

About this survey

This report is based on interviews among active military members, including active duty, National Guard and Reserves, as well as interviews among family members in military households. From Sept. 22 through Oct. 5, 655 military or their family members were interviewed.

It's part of the National Annenberg Election Survey, which is conducted each presidential election by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

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would be inappropriate to ask someone of equal rank to vote for a Presidential candidate. Junior enlisted personnel disagreed, 52 percent said it would be appropriate.

Stripes editor Pat Dickson contributed to this report from Washington. Go to the Web: National Annenberg Election Survey: www.naesd.org

Deployed troops get priority for flu shots

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Stars and Stripes

WITH a limited supply of flu vaccines this year, military officials say deployed troops, along with servicemembers and their families most at risk of contracting the influenza virus, will be first in line for the shot.

Problems with one of the United States' key suppliers has forced the military to pare down its vaccination program — normally available to all active-duty troops and their families — until supplies increase.

"It's a national shortage to include all of the Department of Defense, but we do have enough flu vaccine for those who need it most," said Lt. Col. Carol Fisher, command public health officer for U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The shortage stems from the closure in England last week of a Chiron Corp. factory, where nearly half of the U.S. supply of the vaccine was made.

British regulators cited manufacturing problems that could cause vaccine contamination in their three-month closure of the facility.

The loss of Chiron's 48 million doses, on the cusp of the November-March flu season, has sent medical facilities, including those in the military, scrambling for additional supplies. They also are limiting vaccines to those most in need.

DOD has not released official policy for administering the vaccine this year, said Philip Tegmeier, Europe Regional Medical Command spokesman. The DOD is likely, however, to follow the guidelines of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, he said.

The CDC recommends that healthy people between the ages of 2 and 64 forego the shots this year. That will allow enough vaccine for deployed troops, the very young, very old and ill family members.

The DOD normally uses more than one supplier. This year, however, it ordered additional doses



WILLIAM GREEN/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Charles Halcome, from the 438th Expeditionary Medical Squadron, administers a flu shot to Airman 1st Class Angel Brown, from the 438th Expeditionary Supply Flight, at a forward deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Flu shots are in short supply this year and only troops downrange are guaranteed to get them.

from Chiron, which is why it can't immunize 100 percent of active-duty troops, according to an e-mail statement issued by U.S. Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

That leaves Aventis Pasteur, which is shipping 1.3 million doses, as the military's sole supplier this year, the statement said.

Deployed forces in South Korea and in the Central Command area of operations, which includes the Middle East, already have received 480,000 doses of the 680,000 doses provided so far by Aventis Pasteur.

Aventis will ship an additional 620,000 doses to the DOD in the next four to eight weeks, the statement said. Initially, the DOD requested a total of 3.7 million doses this year.

However, with the shortage, the DOD now estimates that only 2.2 million servicemembers and high-risk beneficiaries will need the vaccine this year.

The U.S. Army Medical Com-

mand is formalizing an agreement with Aventis to provide enough additional vaccines to meet that need, the statement said.

The command also is pursuing a contract with the makers of Flu-mist, a nasal flu vaccine, which can be used by healthy people between 5 and 49 years of age, the command said.

Immunization clinics in USAFE do not yet have any influenza vaccine to administer, said Fisher, the command public health officer. Last year, USAFE clinics administered about 41,000 flu vaccines, she said.

"We will get the vaccine. It's just not going to get to our families as early as it has in some years," Fisher said.

Influenza kills about 36,000 Americans each year, and as many as 500,000 people worldwide, according to the CDC's Web site.

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Helpful tips on how to avoid flu

With the military facing a shortage of influenza vaccines this year, here are some recommendations to avoid contracting the virus if you can't get a flu shot:

- If you have flu symptoms, stay home from work or school.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are coughing and sneezing, cover your nose or mouth — preferably with a tissue.
- Then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with warm, soapy water, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

Source: U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Health Office

CDC issues guidelines for limited supply of vaccines

The Department of Defense is giving deployed troops priority for its limited supply of flu vaccines.

The DOD is following the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for all others.

The CDC recommends the vaccine for:

- People 65 years of age and older.
- Children ages 6-23 months.
- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic lung or heart disorders, including heart disease and asthma.
- Pregnant women.
- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic metabolic diseases, including diabetes, kidney diseases, blood disorders, such as sickle cell anemia, or weakened immune systems, including persons with human immunodeficiency virus/AIDS.
- Children and teenagers, 6 months to 18 years of age, who take aspirin daily.
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.
- Household members and out-of-home caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months.
- Children under the age of 6 months cannot be vaccinated.
- Health care workers who provide direct, hands-on care to patients.

From staff reports

Camp Lejeune Cpl. pleads guilty in attack on Marine

The Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — A Marine who admitted he helped tie down and beat a new member of his unit pleaded guilty to assault and agreed to help military prosecutors in their case against others charged in the attack.

Lance Cpl. Jason A. Hubner, 21, pleaded guilty Thursday in a special court-martial to assault consummated by battery and kidnapping. The government dismissed a drunk-and-disorderly charge.

Hubner, from Brattleboro, Vt.,

They removed his trousers and, with the help of others, tied him down, then beat him using a rifle sling until he cried to be released, Hubner said.

was assigned to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. He is one of six Marines accused of assaulting the man after finding him passed out in bed on Aug. 28.

He was sentenced to forfeiture of \$750 for six months, reduction to the rank of private, a bad conduct discharge and six months in prison, but will likely serve only

45 days, based on the agreement with prosecutors.

Had he gone to general court-martial, he could have faced a punishment that included life in prison and dishonorable discharge.

Hubner described in court how he and the victim's roommate found the man — who had been with their unit for about a

month — face down in his own bed.

They removed his trousers and, with the help of others, tied him down, then beat him using a rifle sling until he cried to be released, Hubner said. He also scraped the man's back with a brush used to clean rifles and put camouflage paint on his head.

Hubner said he had been drink-

ing, but knew what he was doing was wrong.

Two other Marines whose names were not released received less serious nonjudicial punishment. Pfc. Daniel L. Hoesler, 20, of Pottsville, Pa., was to face a special court-martial Friday on charges similar to Hubner's.

A trial date has not been set for Cpl. Jeremy Terhune, 23, an infantryman from Navarre, Fla., who is charged with dereliction of duty and other charges similar to Hubner's.

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

Pay to jump for older survivors

Military survivor benefits for 270,000 elderly recipients and the future value of the Survivor Benefit Plan for all beneficiaries will begin to increase next October when the first of four special-pay hikes takes effect.

When the last one occurs in April 2008, SBP annuities for older beneficiaries will be returned to a level that effectively eliminates a long-standing reduction in benefits at age 62.

Phase-out of the SBP "offset" — dubbed the "widow's tax" by change advocates — is the crown jewel among personnel initiatives that Congress passed this month in the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

Also set to see pay gains are military retirees with 20 or more years of service and a disability rating of 100 percent for service-connected injuries or illnesses. Effective Jan. 1, their military retired pay will be fully restored — that is, no longer reduced, dollar-for-dollar, by their VA disability compensation.

For this group alone among seriously disabled retirees, the law accelerates the 10-year phased end to the ban on "concurrent receipt" of military retirement and disability pay.

And for the first time, Tricare Standard benefits will be made available to some drilling Reservists and National Guard members.

But the Reserve Tricare plan is far more restrictive than the one embraced last summer by 70 percent of the Senate. None of the three major personnel initiatives negotiated in a House-Senate conference committee, before Congress adjourned for fall elections, is as inclusive as proponents had hoped. Here's a look:

■ On SBP, Senate negotiators accepted the House's shortened phase-out schedule for the age-62 offset. It will disappear in 3½ years rather than 10. But the House accepted the Senate's higher "buy-in" formula if current retirees seek to enroll in an improved SBP. The House proposed only a modest late-enrollment penalty, no more than 4.5 percent of covered retired pay. Instead, interested retirees will have to pay all missed premiums plus interest back to the date they had declined enrollment.

■ Accelerated Concurrent Receipt: Congressional staff members said this change likely will affect 15,000 retirees with 100 per-

cent disability ratings, half the original 30,000 estimate. Left behind could be retirees with disability ratings below 100 percent who receive compensation at the 100 percent level because their disabilities make them "unemployable."

■ Proponents for accelerating concurrent receipt to the most seriously disabled believed for months that the Senate bill's language covered any retiree with 20 years and receiving 100 percent level compensation.

■ Reserve Tricare: This first-time opening of Tricare Standard to certain drilling Reservists is far less ambitious than the \$5.6 billion amendment (over five years) that Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Tom Daschle, D-S.D., pushed through the Senate last summer. Graham-Daschle sought to open Tricare to any drilling Reservist or family member willing to pay monthly premiums, set at 28 percent of the cost of care.

For every 90 days members are mobilized, they will earn a year of Tricare Standard coverage.

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AF encouraging some troops to take early out

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — There's good news for the Air Force's retention rates — a little too good.

Better than anticipated retention rates is prompting personnel officials to kick in phase two of the service's force restructuring plan and "widen the aperture" of careers targeted to help in the downsizing of the service, said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division.

Now, about 24,000 airmen are being encouraged to take advantage of early out and other career opportunities, an increase in the force-resizing goal of 17,600 set earlier this year, Hayden said.

As it stands, the Air Force is authorized an end-strength of 359,700 for fiscal 2005. Right now, the service stands at 376,616.

Air Force planners expanded eligible career fields, lowering the threshold from those at 100 percent capacity to 95 percent capacity. But even airmen in some undermanned fields are eligible to apply to leave the service, although their chances of getting approval might not be as good, said Maj. John Silverman, chief of retirement and separation policy.

One way personnel planners are hoping to achieve the goal is

to eliminate barriers airmen face to getting out, such as time-in-service commitments that required them to take advantage of signing bonuses or educational benefits, for example.

Airmen currently deployed can begin the process of taking advantage of the program if they want to leave the Air Force. It won't get them out of their current deployment cycle, but the process can be started from the field and completed once they return home, Hayden said.

The war on terror and increased operational tempo had the opposite impact on retention, particularly in career fields most stressed such as pilots, logistical personnel, and maintenance and support crews, Hayden said. Officials anticipated an exodus of stressed airmen, particularly after the Air Force had to enact stop-loss policies to retain troops beyond pre-planned separation or retirement dates.

The extensive listing of overmanned jobs can be found on at: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm.

Of 24,000 reduction goal, about 3,000 of those jobs are vacant recruiting slots for which personnel officials have told recruiters to not bother filling, Hayden said.

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IN THE WORLD

Karzai ahead in Afghan elections

BY AMIR SHAH
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Early results issued Friday showed interim leader Hamid Karzai far ahead of his chief rivals in Afghanistan's first democratic presidential election after a quarter-century of war.

But with vote counting on hold for a day as Muslims marked the start of the fasting month of Ramadan, a preacher at Kabul's main mosque warned that Afghans won't stand for arrogance in whomever wins.

"If the president becomes too arrogant, we will cut him down! Isn't that right?" Mullah Obeid-ur Rahman said to hundreds of worshippers at Pul-e-Chishti mosque.

He exhorted the new leaders to rule according to Islamic principles and stay in touch with the people.

Rahman did not name any of the 16 contenders in the Oct. 9 election, yet Karzai, who has led this predominantly Muslim country since the ouster of the Taliban regime by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, is widely expected to win the vote and become Afghanistan's first popularly chosen president.

The U.N.-backed election, which cost about \$200 million to stage, has generated huge interest among Afghans, who are aching for peace after conflicts spanning the Soviet occu-



An Afghan election worker sorts ballot boxes at Kabul's counting center on Thursday. Early results show Hamid Karzai in the lead.

pation of the 1980s, a murderous civil war in the early 1990s and then the Taliban's tyrannical rule.

Many see Karzai as a bridge to the country's international backers and a leader un-

tainted by the fighting. But they are impatient for him to deliver on pledges to rebuild their impoverished country.

Of 35,986 valid votes tallied in six northern and central provinces during the first day of counting on Thursday, Karzai won 20,213, or 56.2 percent of the total, according to the official election Web site. If he keeps that up, he'll secure the simple majority needed to avoid a run-off vote with his closest rival.

Former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni, expected to be Karzai's closest challenger, was running at 17.2 percent, ahead of ethnic Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum with 15 percent. No other candidate mustered more than 2.5 percent.

The tally represented only a tiny fraction of the estimated 8 million votes cast. Counting hasn't started yet in the Pashtun-dominated south where Karzai is expected to make his strongest showing.

Final results are due at the end of October, although it should be clear who has won after about a week.

Counting had been delayed for five days while a panel of foreign experts probed allegations of electoral fraud, including multiple voting, ballot-box stuffing and voter intimidation. And on Friday, the 1,000 Afghan counting staff were off work to celebrate the start of Ramadan. Counting was to resume Saturday.

Albanians mourn death of 15 in bus crash

BY GARENTINA KRAJA
The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — Kosovo President Ibrahim Rugova declared Friday a day of mourning as Albanians in the province grieved for 15 students killed in a bus crash that sent their vehicle tumbling over a cliff.

Political campaigning for next week's general elections was suspended for the day. Radio and television stations played somber classical music, and a black bar of mourning marked the front pages of all the daily newspapers.

The bus was bringing about 50 teenagers back to neighboring Kosovo after an excursion in Albania on Thursday when it collided with a car and went over the cliff in Fushe Arrez, 105 miles north of the capital, Tirana.

The bus was part of a convoy of six buses carrying high school students from the town of Malisevo.

Distressed families spent the night trying to find out whether their children were among the dead and injured. On Friday, the coffins were brought to Kosovo from Albania and underwent further identification by family members at a morgue.

They were later taken to a high school gymnasium in Malisevo, where hundreds of tearful mourners circled the coffins with wreaths on top and draped with flags as they paid their last respect to the town's dead students. Their burial was scheduled for Saturday.

Fourteen young people were confirmed dead late Thursday and other passengers were injured, some seriously but none critically, health officials said. A 15th victim died of his injuries Friday. The driver of the car was also killed.

Three helicopters carried 11 of



Two Albanian boys look at the wreckage of a bus that plunged down a steep mountain road after colliding with a car in Fushe Arrez on Friday. Fifteen Kosovo students and the driver of the car were killed.

the more seriously injured to Tirana hospitals. An injured student was taken to Italy to undergo a more intense treatment, officials in Albania said.

In September, Nabarro estimated that some 50,000 people had died since the conflict began 19 months ago. He said about 15 percent of those deaths were due to violence, while the rest were because of the poor conditions in which people who have fled their homes are forced to live.

He said at the time that as many as 10,000 refugees a month were dying in the camps.

Albania also declared a national day of mourning, with flags flying at half-staff and high schools in Tirana starting the day with a minute of silence.

Engineering exercises

TIRANA, Albania — Albania and the United States launched three months of military engineering exercises Friday aimed at coordinating emergency operations and working on civilian infrastructure projects.

About 40 U.S. troops and Albanian army engineers plan to improve a road in Orikum, 90 miles southwest of the capital, Tirana, and reconstruct a nearby school, the Defense Ministry said.

Albania hopes to eventually join NATO, an ambition Washington says it supports.

Militant charged

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesian prosecutors on Friday formally charged militant Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Bashir with ordering a suicide attack on the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta last year in which 12 people died.

Bashir, who has been jailed since April, is often seen as the public face of Indonesia's radical Islamic fringe and is accused by the United States of being the spiritual leader of the al-Qaida-linked regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for a string of terror attacks in Indonesia dating back to 1999 which have killed 224 people and injured hundreds. They include the Sept. 9 attack on the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, last year's J.W. Marriott hotel suicide attack, and the Oct. 12, 2002, Bali bombings.

Caution in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The U.S. Embassy in Beirut is calling on its citizens to exercise caution in and around shopping malls in Lebanon, citing concern about possible terrorist threats.

The warning comes amid political tensions in Lebanon spurred by the Syrian-backed extension of Lebanese President Emile Lahoud's term in defiance of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for elections for a new president according to the constitution and for Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

It also comes two weeks after a car bomb explosion targeting former Economy Minister Marwan Hamadeh, who opposed the term extension.

Zimbabwe resolution

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai was acquitted on treason charges Friday, after a court ruled that a trial that his party said was orchestrated by the government of President Robert Mugabe.

Tsvangirai was charged with treason two weeks before he contested presidential polls that Mugabe narrowly won in March 2002. The government accused him of plotting to kill Mugabe, charges that Tsvangirai and his supporters called an attempt to sideline a main government opponent.

From The Associated Press

WHO: 70,000 have died in Darfur refugee camps

BY NAOMI KOPPEL
The Associated Press

GENEVA — The U.N. health agency on Friday estimated at least 70,000 people have died since March from poor conditions in refugee camps in Sudan's Darfur region and warned that more will die at the same rate unless countries provide more money.

The toll does not include the unknown number of people killed in violence from Arab militiamen that have waged a campaign of violence against Africa's tribal villagers and from a rebellion waged by tribal groups.

Dr. David Nabarro, head of crisis services for the World Health Organization, said the estimate of 70,000 dead from camp conditions only covered the period since March, when aid agencies have had some access to the Darfur region.

"We are running on a threadbare, hand-to-mouth existence, and if the plight of these people in Darfur is as important to the international community as it seems to be then we would have expected more long-term support," he said.

He said the United Nations has only received half of the \$300 million that it needs to do its work.

The conflict in Darfur has forced 1.4 million villagers from their homes. More than 200,000 of those have crossed to neighboring Chad, where tension has risen because resources to care for the refugees are scarce.

In September, Nabarro estimated that some 50,000 people had died since the conflict began 19 months ago. He said about 15 percent of those deaths were due to violence, while the rest were because of the poor conditions in which people who have fled their homes are forced to live.

He said at the time that as many as 10,000 refugees a month were dying in the camps.

Aid agencies and the United Nations have found it difficult to get a solid death toll in Darfur — a region the size of France — because they were unable to get into much of the area for a long time and parts still are too dangerous.

On Sunday, the U.N. World Food Program agency halted its operations temporarily in parts of Darfur after two staff members of the British aid group Save the Children UK were killed in an explosion believed caused by a land mine or unexploded ordnance.

It also reported several attacks by armed bandits on humanitarian vehicles over the past week.

Indonesia's entertainment industry shutting down for Ramadan holiday

BY LELY T. DJUHARI

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia began the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan on Friday along with an accompanying tradition — quiet grumbling in the entertainment industry over local edicts to close nightclubs, massage parlors and amusement centers for the entire period.

During Ramadan, observant Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and sex from dawn to dusk. Muslims believe it was during Ramadan about 1,400 years ago that the Quran, their holy book, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

Indonesia — the world's most populous Muslim nation — maintains a secular tradition. Most of Indonesia's 180 million Muslims are moderate and tolerant of other faiths.

Observance of the fast here is less widespread than in the Middle East. Restaurants can open during the day, though most hang thick curtains over their windows.

But that secular tradition has come under pressure by conservative Muslim groups since the downfall of ex-dictator Suharto, and some see moves to stop nightspots opening during Ramadan as part of this trend.

Under Jakarta's decree, issued in 2002, all of the city's thousands

of massage parlors, freestanding nightclubs, bars and karaoke rooms have to close for the whole month.

Discos in five-star hotels can stay open but with limited hours. The same restriction applies to restaurants featuring live bands so long as they serve alcohol "discreetly."

Other administrations around the country have issued similar directives.

"We believe this is good for everyone," said local Muslim lawmaker Slamet Nurdin. "There is much support for this as most Muslims want to focus their minds on fasting."

Some have taken the enforcement of the ban into their own hands.

In 2001, Islamic militants launched nightly raids on nightclubs flouting the ban during Ramadan. But since the 2002 Bali bombings, those groups have largely disbanded amid a police crackdown on extremists.

It's unclear how effective this year's ban will be. City officials say police will be on hand.

But some bar and restaurant owners say they are undaunted by the government restrictions, or the possibility of threats by militant groups.



A Muslim woman reads the Quran while she waits to break her daily Ramadan fast Friday at Istiglal Mosque in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Fears of violence cause closures in Haiti's capital

BY AMY BRACKEN

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.N. peacekeepers in armored vehicles rolled through nearly deserted streets Friday in Haiti's capital, where shops were closed amid fears of violence on the 10th anniversary of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's return from his first exile.

Burning tires smoked in the streets of Bel Air, a slum stronghold of Aristide where his loyalists barricaded streets with wooden market stands and debris. Residents said gunshots rang out occasionally.

Aristide's backers are demanding his return to the Caribbean coast from his current exile in South Africa as they mark his restoration to power in 1994 through the intervention of 20,000 U.S. troops who ended three years of brutal military rule.

Business leaders called for a "day of protest against terrorism" Friday following two weeks of shootouts and beheadings that have killed at least 48 people. Many Haitians heeded the call for a shutdown, staying home where banks, stores and gas stations were locked up. Police stood watch at intersections.

U.N. peacekeepers have taken over from U.S. Marines who arrived Feb. 29 the day Aristide left amid a rebellion by former soldiers of the army that ousted him in 1991 and that he disbanded in 1995.

Heavily armed Haitian ex-sol-

diers based in Port-au-Prince said Thursday that reinforcements had been arriving from all over the country to help end the violence.

The United States urged all nonessential embassy personnel and family members to leave, and the embassy was shut Friday. The U.S. State Department also updated its travel warning for Haiti on Thursday, saying moving about can be hazardous because police are ineffective and peacekeepers are not fully deployed.

It warned against "the potential for looting; the presence of intermittent roadblocks set by armed gangs or by the police; and the possibility of random violent crime, including kidnapping, carjacking and assault."

The ex-soldiers and Haiti's business leaders have accused U.N. peacekeepers of being ineffective.

Haiti's Chamber of Commerce criticized a "flagrant paradox in the merciless struggle against terrorism of the great powers of the world and ... the surprising inadequacy of how international troops are deployed in Haiti."

With fewer than half of the 8,000 troops promised, the Brazilian-led force is overstretched in the nation of 8 million, and former soldiers continue to hold sway over much of the countryside.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said Thursday that elections planned next year are Haiti's only hope.

Tiger Woods turned away from Puerto Rico port

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tiger Woods and his new wife briefly held aboard their private yacht Thursday by U.S. Coast Guard officers and turned away from San Juan's port because they failed to notify authorities of their arrival ahead of time, an official said.

Since July 1, new security regulations require many boats to submit an arrival notice at least four days in advance before entering a U.S. port, Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Eric Willis said.

Official says bin Laden no longer orders operations

MONACO — Osama bin Laden is unable to order operations from his hideout near the rugged Pakistani-Afghan border and spends all his time trying to evade capture, one of Europe's top anti-terrorism officials said Friday.

Spanish Judge Baltasar Garçon also told a conference on crime the threat of terrorism has not dissipated despite bin Laden's isolation and even harder-line groups have emerged that can direct attacks on their own.

Garçon did not offer proof that bin Laden, mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, was unable to direct terror operations, but said all indications pointed that way for the world's most hunted man.

Spain, U.S. work on diplomacy

MADRID, Spain — The Spanish defense minister and the U.S. ambassador held fence-mending talks Friday after a flap over a parade — the latest dispute between two governments divided by the Iraq war.

A U.S. embassy official described the encounter as cordial. Defense Minister Jose Bono had breakfast with Ambassador George Argyros in a bid to calm tempers that flared after Spain's new Socialist government dropped plans for U.S. troops to march in Tuesday's parade, which marked Spain's armed forces day and also commemorated Columbus's arrival in the New World.

Researchers: Malaria vaccine appears promising

After more than two decades of research, researchers said Thursday that they have found the first vaccine that is effective against malaria. Trials in Africa showed that the vaccine blocked almost half of new infections in young children and reduced serious disease by nearly 60 percent.

Researchers are not sure how long the vaccine's protection will persist, but even a partially effective vaccine will have great value in fighting disease that is becoming increasingly resistant to the drugs most commonly used to treat it.

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IN THE STATES

Student gets prison

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Harvard graduate student has been sentenced to six to eight years in prison for stabbing a young hotel cook to death in a late-night streetfight.

Prosecutors had sought a first-degree murder conviction for Alexander Pring-Wilson, 26, saying he attacked Michael Colono with a knife

after Colono ridiculed him as he stumbled home from a night out drinking. The defense argued that Colono, 18, and his cousin were severely beating the student when he pulled out the knife to defend himself.

A jury in Middlesex Superior Court deliberated for more than 20 hours over five days before finding Pring-Wilson guilty of the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Pring-Wilson's lawyers said there would be an appeal.

Snowmobile ban lifted

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A federal judge has struck down the Clinton-era ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, calling it a "prejudged, political" move.

The decision could clear the way for new rules that likely will allow the machines.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer ruled that the Clinton ban was invalid because it did not have adequate public participation and failed to follow federal law.

A new rule governing snowmobile use in the parks is expected from the National Park Service next month in time for the coming winter season.

Medication warning

WASHINGTON — All antidepressants must carry a "black box" warning label, the U.S. government's strongest safety alert, linking the drugs to increased suicidal thoughts and behavior among children and teens taking them, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

Because the warnings are primarily seen by doctors, the agency also is creating a medication guide for patients to advise them of the risk.

Prozac is the only antidepressant approved for use in children.

On average, 2 percent to 3 percent of children taking antidepressants have increased suicidal thoughts, independent experts, working with Columbia University, found.

From The Associated Press

U.S.: Al-Zarqawi runs terror group

BY BARRY SCHWEID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The group headed by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, which claimed responsibility for dozens of deadly attacks in Iraq, was designated by the U.S. government Friday as a terrorist organization.

The State Department has considered Zarqawi himself a threat for some time. Spokesman Richard Boucher said he was responsible for several horrible crimes, including the beheading of hostages in Iraq and vowed he would be caught.

The reward for information leading to his killing or capture was raised up to \$25 million on a

par with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his top deputy.

The listing imposes several restrictions on Zarqawi's group, known as Tawhid and Jihad, including a ban on travel to the United States and a freeze on any assets it may have in U.S. banks, but in practice has limited implications.

The listing appeared in the Federal Register. It said Secretary of State Colin Powell had taken the step after consulting with the Treasury Department and the attorney general's office.

The group was implicated in the bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad in August 2003 in which more than 20 people were killed and prompted U.N. Secretary-General

Kofi Annan to sharply reduce the U.N. presence in Iraq.

On Thursday, the Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for bombings within the Iraqi capital's heavily guarded Green Zone — home to U.S. officials and the Iraqi leadership — which killed six people, including three American civilians. A fourth American was missing and presumed dead.

The State Department said it had no evidence to support the claim, but was investigating.

Al-Zarqawi is considered the most dangerous terror plotter and foreign fighter in Iraq, coordinating a loose coalition of militant Sunni Muslims, former loyalists of the Saddam Hussein regime and

other extremists numbering at least in the hundreds and blamed for much of the instability there. While not a member of al-Qaida, Al-Zarqawi is considered an ally of bin Laden.

U.S. authorities focused their search for al-Zarqawi on Iraq, but as late as last winter he was considered a shadow figure whose followers were known simply as "the Zarqawi network," a name still used today. He's been operating more recently in Iraq as Tawhid and Jihad, Arabic for "Monotheism and Holy War."

The group has taken responsibility for the slayings of at least seven hostages and numerous mortar, suicide bombings and other attacks against U.S. and Iraqi government targets.

Missouri firefighters inspect plane crash



Firefighters with flashlights inspect the scene of a plane crash in Jefferson City, Mo., late Thursday night. Only the pilot and the co-pilot were aboard the plane, a CRJ2 regional jet operated by Memphis-based Pinnacle Airlines, a regional carrier affiliated with Northwest Airlines, Northwest spokesman Kurt Ebenhoch said. There was no immediate information about injuries, either to anyone in the plane or on the ground.

Polls show worsening views of U.S.

BY BETH GARDINER

The Associated Press

LONDON — America's reputation around the world is hurting, according to a series of coordinated polls published Friday from 10 countries, including many of the United States' closest allies.

In eight of the countries where the surveys commissioned by major newspapers were conducted, more people said their view of America had worsened in the past two to three years than improved.

That question was asked in nine countries. By big margins, those questioned said the war in Iraq did all but the global fight against terrorism.

And in eight out of 10 nations, those polled said — often in landslide proportions — that they hoped to see Democrat John Kerry

beat President Bush in next month's election. Bush won backing from a majority of respondents only in Russia and Israel.

The polls were conducted in Canada, France, Britain, Spain, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Mexico, Israel and Russia, with results to be published in the participating newspapers on Friday.

Not all questions were asked in every country.

On average, 57 percent of those questioned said their opinions of America had worsened over the past two to three years, compared with 20 percent who said their view had improved. That question was asked in nine of the countries, but not in Russia.

Seventy-four percent of Japanese, 70 percent of French, 67 percent of South Koreans, 64 percent of Canadians and 60 percent of Spaniards said they had a worse

opinion of America now than two to three years ago.

Only in Israel did more people say their view of the United States had improved than worsened in the past two to three years.

In that period, which began just after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the United States has led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

While much of the international community backed the invasion to oust the Taliban, Bush's decision to invade Iraq has fueled anger around the world.

However, many of those polled separated their feelings about the U.S. government from their views of the American people.

Sixty-eight percent said they had a favorable opinion of Americans.

The polls were conducted on different dates from September through early October.

Memo warned of confusion on drug card

BY JOHN SOLOMON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A day before the first presidential debate, the government's health policy watchdog raised concerns that early mailings to seniors about the new Medicare prescription discount cards championed by President Bush were confusing or inadequate.

"We found that these beneficiaries received very little mail from drug card sponsors that would enable them to make an informed choice among cards," the Health and Human Services Department inspector general wrote in the Sept. 29 internal memo obtained by The AP.

The inspector general, the department's independent watchdog, is now conducting a more formal investigation to determine whether there are widespread problems after detecting concerns in an informal survey of 59 seniors, many whom were relatives of agency employees.

HHS spokesman William A. Pierce said the department is giving little credence to the initial survey because it was so small and unscientific, and officials will wait for the results of the broader review.

The temporary drug discount cards are the first wave of a two-phase plan to provide 41 million Medicare recipients with prescription insurance coverage by 2006.

The plan is touted by Bush repeatedly as a domestic policy success as he makes his case for a second term in the White House.

His Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry, has argued that the president hasn't done enough to help the elderly with the rising costs of health care.

Both the government and insurers approved the two-year plan for the discount program were permitted this spring to mail to seniors information about the cards designed to give a discount on prescription prices until the Medicare coverage benefit kicks in two years from now.



Campaign Services Coordinator Giannina Miranda checks her sample ballot Monday in San Francisco, where voters will cast the first ranked-choice ballots in the nation.

Ranked voting makes debut

By LISA LEFF

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a change that could give new meaning to direct democracy, San Francisco will soon cast ballots listing their first, second and third-place choices for municipal offices under a new "ranked-choice voting" system that would eliminate separate run-off elections.

If no candidate secures a majority of first-place votes outright, the results will be retabulated to include the second and third picks until a winner can be declared — a process that could take weeks.

It's an experiment being watched by election reformers nationwide, since it also could have the less lofty effect of eliminating the "spoiler" label that has dogged third-party candidates

since Ralph Nader, the Green Party's presidential candidate four years ago, was accused of snatching victory from Democrat Al Gore in Florida.

"You can feel free to vote for the candidate you really like knowing if that candidate can't win, your vote will go to your next choice," said Steven Hill, a senior analyst at The Center for Voting and Democracy who is an advocate of ranked-choice voting.

"If the 100,000 Ralph Nader voters in Florida would have had the choice of ranking a second choice, Al Gore presumably would have been the choice of most of them and he would have become president."

Other countries, including Australia and Papua New Guinea, use ranked-choice voting to elect their parliaments, but San Francisco is the first U.S. city where a multiple-choice system is being

tried on a grand scale. Voters in Alaska and New Mexico rejected similar systems within the last two years, and they've also been under consideration in Maine, Washington and Los Angeles.

San Francisco voters approved the switch in March 2002. This fall the new method makes its debut in an election to fill seven open seats on the 11-member Board of Supervisors. Eventually the mayor and all other municipal offices except for school board will be elected the same way.

San Francisco officials acknowledge, though, that while ranked-choice voting sounds simple in theory, it has been harder to put into practice.

Until a few months ago, they referred to their pioneering experiment by its catchier synonym, "instant-runoff voting," but they soon realized there wouldn't be much instantaneous about it.

Divided electorate fuels nasty attacks

By RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Virginia car-service driver Cecil Ruvor asked his passenger, "Why is politics so mean now?" Halfway across the country, Angela Warren of St. Louis says she will skip her first presidential election out of disgust — "There's so much hate."

In Miami, Carol Agraist sits weenier in her Cuban coffee shop and shares these bitter thoughts: "Man, it's a mean political season."

Indeed, it is. From the rhetoric of the candidates and their advertising to the conspiracy theories and invectives trafficked on the Internet by untold partisans, the political process is awash in acrimony. The reasons vary.

It's a close election in a divided nation and the stakes are high — wars in Iraq and on terror, just three years after the deadliest attack on U.S. soil. President Bush has governed from the right after a disputed election. The previous president, Democrat Bill Clinton, lied about having sex in the Oval Office with an intern and was impeached for it.

Bush and Clinton galvanized their rival partisans.

And through all this rose the Internet — a megaphone for every disgruntled, disenchanted or disturbed individual who wants to make a point. The "Silent Majority" is bellowing.

"Bush is a monster," read an e-mail signed dBarron and sent to news organizations after the first debate. "Kerry is a craggy-faced puke," read another.

It doesn't stop there.

■ Vice President Dick Cheney curses a lawmaker on the Senate floor. Alan Keyes calls Cheney's lesbian daughter a selfish heathen.

■ Republicans question Sen. John Kerry's combat medals; Democrats denounce Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard.

■ Kerry calls Bush's Republicans "the most crooked ... lying group I've ever seen."

These and other invectives re-

verberated in the echo chamber of cable TV's 24-hour news cycle — another innovation that has reinvented politics in the last generation.

Elizabeth Ossoff, an expert in political psychology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., said America has seen worse — "If you look at what John Adams said about Thomas Jefferson, it was pretty nasty stuff" — but not in awhile. She attributes the spike in hate partly to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We had sort of an us-against-them mentality and that has spilled over into the way people justify the choices they're making in politics," she said.

Put that atop a shaky economy, a controversial war in Iraq and a rapidly changing culture rife with anxiety — and you've got a potent political psychosis.

"When anxieties rise, people try to find a way to make themselves feel better. And one way to feel better is to try to find a scapegoat," Ossoff said.

Bush is the Democrats' scapegoat. Polls show a significant amount of Kerry's support comes from Democrats who are motivated by a desire to oust the president, not their loyalty to Kerry.

And so it goes: A television ad by a Democratic interest group compares Bush to Adolf Hitler, and former President Bush calls filmmaker Michael Moore a "cure word" and "a slimeball."

It can border on the comical. Interned partisans spread unsubstantiated rumors that a bulge in the back of Bush's suit coat was a transmission device allowing his aides to feed him answers during the first debate.

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano said both parties deserve blame for the escalation of events, but part of it is the sign of the times.

"The big issues are so hard, so complicated. Health care is complicated. Immigration is complicated. Iraq is complicated," she said. "It's easier to get your arms around whether President Bush is a dummy who has his lines fed to him. It's easier to think John Kerry is a fraud because of what some guys from Vietnam say."

Black vote key to presidential race

By DAHLEEN GLANTON

Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — The loud voices from the hair salon in Philadelphia poured into the street. Young black men and women were talking about politics, in particular whether Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., or President Bush could best lead the nation.

"I'm not excited about Kerry, but he's the other guy; he's the alternative to Bush," said Leo Johnson, 30, a barber and school teacher. "Kerry is a flip-flop, but I am going to vote for him because I don't want Bush another four years."

Ray Pitts, the salon's 33-year-old owner, had not decided whom to vote for, but he was leaning toward Bush, the candidate he supported in 2000.

"Kerry has said anything to make me want to vote for him," said Pitts, who said he is registered as an independent. "I'm not going to vote for him just to get Bush out of office. With Bush, you

know what you're getting whether you like him or not."

In states such as Pennsylvania, where polls show a close race, black turnout in cities like Philadelphia could determine the election. Four years ago there were rumblings across the country African-Americans were ambivalent about Democratic candidate Al Gore and blacks might not support him in large numbers, but on Election Day, 54 percent of blacks turned out nationwide and 90 percent voted for Gore.

"Kerry cannot win unless there is a big black turnout in states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida," said David Bostis, senior fellow with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington. "If blacks stay home, it is likely that President Bush will be re-elected."

While polls show African-Americans nationwide favor Kerry over Bush 8-1, many blacks are not enthusiastic about the Democratic candidate and do not be-

lieve he has adequately addressed issues most important to them, such as jobs, education and health care.

Polls also show blacks overwhelmingly oppose the war in Iraq and believe they have been hurt by Bush's economic policies, but for the most part their support for Kerry is driven by an extreme dislike for Bush.

"The black vote is absolutely essential to this race, and right now the enthusiasm for John Kerry is not that high," said Ron Walters, a political scientist at the University of Maryland. "The issue in this campaign all along has been George Bush, so many people are motivated to register to vote to get him out."

A poll by Black Entertainment Television and CBS in July showed African-American support for Kerry at 79 percent, compared with 10 percent for Bush. However, a recent poll by the Pew Research Center showed black support had slipped to 73 percent for Kerry and increased to 12 percent for Bush.

On the issues



What should the federal role be in financing stem-cell research?

President Bush

I decided to provide federal funding, for the first time, to research using human embryonic stem cells.

I determined, however, federal funds should not encourage the further destruction of human embryos, adhering to the principle adopted by Congress in

1996 that human embryos merit respect as a form of human life and federal dollars should not encourage their destruction. My administration has provided \$35.5 million for research. But there is also a great deal of stem cell research that does not require the destruction of a living human embryo.

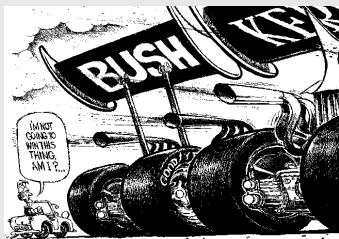
Sen. John Kerry

"Stem cell research holds immense promise for millions of Americans suffering from diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, heart disease, cancer,

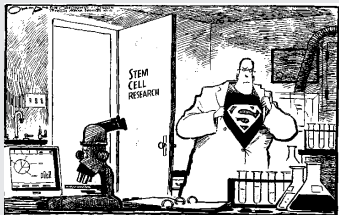
and spinal cord injuries. As president, I will lift the ideologically driven restrictions on stem cell research. And I will fund this research, with at least \$100 million a year, while ensuring strict ethical oversight of the research."

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



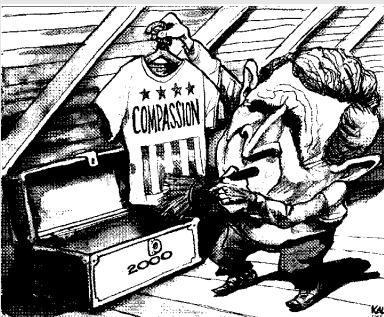
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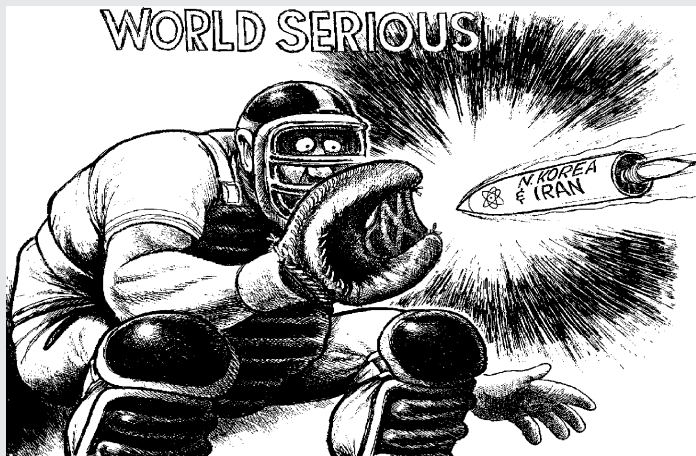
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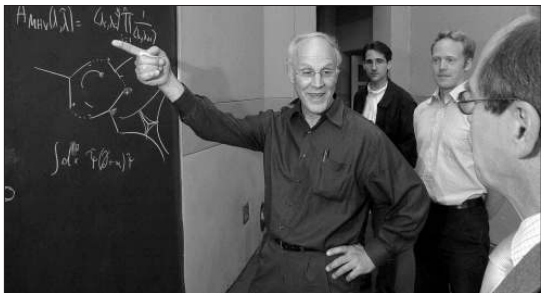
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David Gross, left, stands with researchers Michael Haack and Marcus Berg, center, and 1999 Nobel laureate Gerard 't Hooft, right, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in Goleta, Calif., on Oct. 5. Gross is one of three UC professors awarded Nobel Prizes this year.

Prizes help boost prestige

Two low-profile California schools collect Nobels

BY RYAN PEARSON
The Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. — The University of California system is amassing Nobel Prizes at campuses once noted more for beer bashes and odd mascots than academic excellence.

By pumping money into a few select departments and aggressively recruiting top researchers, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine have hauled in more Nobels in recent years than UC Berkeley and UCLA, the 10-campus system's traditional centers of scholarship.

University leaders said the international prizes have become a badge of prestige for students and validation for professors toiling in relative academic obscurity.

"UC is not just Berkeley," said Bill Parker, vice chancellor for research at the fast-growing Irvine campus, located in the middle of Orange County's suburban sprawl.

"The campuses formed 30, 40 years ago are now emerging as some of the best in the country."

Since 1994, UC Irvine researchers have collected three Nobels,

including one last week. Santa Barbara has picked up five in the past six years, including two in recent weeks.

By comparison, UCLA got two Nobels in the past decade, while Berkeley — the system's first campus and consistently rated the nation's top public university — collected three.

The stockpiling of prizes in Irvine and Santa Barbara comes after years of steady enrollment growth prompted in part by crowded conditions at other UC sites. Undergraduate applications to UC Santa Barbara have doubled over the past 10 years and the mean grade point average of enrolled first-year students has climbed to 3.71, on a scale where 4.0 is the maximum.

To build their academic reputations, UC administrators have concentrated on a handful of disciplines and avoided spreading resources too thin.

"Not everybody can be good at everything any more, so you try to focus on those things that have a competitive advantage," said

David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, a Washington-based lobbying group.

Irvine zeroed in on chemistry and molecular and evolutionary biology — though its sports teams haven't dropped their quirky ant-eater mascot.

Santa Barbara went for marine biology, engineering and physics. It began its gradual academic ascendance about two decades ago with the establishment of the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics.

"There's a remarkable lack of ego," said David Gross, Kavli Institute director. Gross shared the Nobel Physics Prize last week with two other Americans.

The campus is a laid-back setting for frequent beer-swilling parties by students — the Princeton Review lists the campus as the nation's No. 12 party school. But the hard-drinking reputation is fading as university officials crack down on drinking and partying.

"You cannot win five Nobel Prizes just by lying on the beach," said campus Chancellor Henry Yang.

Impact of osteoporosis on the rise

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Half of Americans older than 50 will be at risk of fractures from too-thin bones by 2020, the surgeon general warned Thursday, urging people to get more calcium, vitamin D and exercise to avoid crippling osteoporosis.

The bone-thinning disease is on the rise as the population grays — but weak bones aren't a natural consequence of aging, Surgeon General Richard Carmona stressed.

Strong bones begin in childhood, and years of eating right and physical activity can leave even 80-year-olds with sturdy bones.

Unfortunately, Carmona said, too few Americans follow that prescription, setting the stage for worrisome increases in broken hips and other fractures as more people pass their 50th birthday.

"Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's disease," Carmona said in releasing the first surgeon general's report on bone health. "We all need to take better care of our bones."

Osteoporosis affects an estimated 10 million Americans, and each year, about 1.5 million suffer a fracture as a result. Another 34 million Americans have less severe bone-thinning but enough to still risk a fracture.

By 2020, about 14 million people over age 50 are expected to have osteoporosis and another 47 million will have low bone mass, the report predicts.

Women are at highest risk, especially white women, and particularly after menopause when estrogen — which also helps keep bones strong — plummets. But osteoporosis affects men, too, and people of all races.

It's under-diagnosed because many don't know their bones are thinning until one breaks.

Bone health is a balancing act: Cells called osteoclasts dissolve old, worn-out bone while other cells called osteoblasts form new bone. Peak bone formation occurs before age 30, and then the bone-building cells can gradually slow down.

Carmona said the main focus must be on preventing thinning bones, not on medication. "If we let it get that far, we probably missed the boat."

'Wizards' can tell when you're lying

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A word to the wise: Be careful when you're telling lies.

There's an elite group of people who don't need to see Pinocchio's nose grow, but can pick up on subtle signs that they're not hearing the truth.

While most folks don't notice those flickers of falsehood, psychology professor Maureen O'Sullivan has found a few who can find the fibbers nearly every time.

Of 13,000 people tested for the ability to detect deception, "we found 31, who we call wizards, who are usually able to tell whether the person is lying, whether the lie is about an opinion, how someone is feeling or about a theft," she said.

O'Sullivan, who teaches at the University of San Francisco, discussed her findings Thursday at the American Medical Association's 23rd annual Science Reporters Conference.

O'Sullivan conducts seminars for police officers and others on how to detect lying, and said observing the wizards helps researchers direct further study.

"We hope that by studying our wizards, we'll learn more about the kinds of behaviors and ways of thinking and talking that can betray a liar to an experienced interviewer," she said.

She explained that there are two categories of clues to a lie: thinking clues and emotional ones.

"Basic emotions are hard to conceal completely," O'Sullivan said. People may be afraid of being caught or happy that they're putting something over on another person. Either way, some inappropriate emotion may flicker across their face.

O'Sullivan calls these micro-expressions — changes that last less than a second — and the people best at catching liars are able to notice them.

The thinking clues occur because it's hard to lie on the spot, she said. To lie, people have to make something up. This can lead to hesitations in speech, slips of the tongue, lack of detail in what they are saying.

"There are other things you have to look for — things that are inconsistent with what they're saying."

Look for shrugs: "Is someone telling you something very positive and shrugs in the middle?" she said. Watch body posture, hand gestures, eye flutters.

So, who is good at detecting these various clues on a lie? Not the liars! Men and women are about equal among the 31 wizards, she said, and they are scattered across the country.

The thing they have in common is "they are motivated and want to get it right," she said, they practice it, like athletes.

Jumbo flying squids found off Alaska coast

The Associated Press

SITKA, Alaska — A large Humboldt squid caught offshore from Sitka is among numerous sightings of a species seen for the first time in waters of the Far North, and the first of the species

discovered from British Columbia waters.

The 5-foot-10-inch gigas, or jumbo flying squid, was shipped this week to California to be kept for research at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

The squid was one of a number caught with a dip net by fisherman Alan Ottens and his crew Sept. 15 as they baited longline gear at night.

Eric Hochburg, curator of the Santa Barbara museum, said the species is usually found off Baja California, Mexico, and farther south.

The farthest north the species has been reported until this year

was off the coast of Eugene, Ore., in 1997, said James A. Cosgrove, manager of natural history at the Royal British Columbia Museum.

"It's unprecedented," he said. "It speaks of a fundamental change in the ocean along the coast."

The museum is keeping a 6½-foot-

Dollicious gigas in a formaldehyde tank. The purple-bodied cephalopod with eight sucker-covered arms and two curly tentacles was caught Oct. 2.

Since news of that discovery was made public, Cosgrove has received seven reports of sightings in the last

July of jumbo squid in northwest waters from Oregon to Alaska.

"We'll try to get a handle on where they're moving north with warmer waters, and then do the rest as they head north, or does the cold water constrain their northward movement," Hochburg said.





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Shutdown urged

NY NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he was urging the city's environmental agency to close down a Bronx smoked turkey plant that neighbors said emitted obnoxious fumes.

The LSK Smoked Turkey Products plant in the Parkchester section had been warned in July to get rid of the smells, Bloomberg said at a press conference. The plant processes whole turkeys, turkey parts and pork parts.

The company has paid thousands of dollars in fines for eight citations from the city Department of Environmental Protection since 2002, when it moved to the Bronx from Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Neighbors described the odors as a mix of soap and burnt bacon.

Free surgery offered

TX HOUSTON — A Houston surgery center has offered to donate a gastric bypass operation to a 420-pound boy who needs the procedure for a chance at a healthy life.

Obesity Surgery Specialists offered the surgery to Brandon Bennett, 16, after his health insurance declined to cover the procedure.

The surgery is scheduled for the first week of November.

Brandon had been set to have gastric bypass surgery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston this month. That was canceled, however, when hospital officials learned that his insurance company did not cover the procedure.

The center contacted Brandon's family Tuesday after an article in the Houston Chronicle detailed his health problems.

Hotel razing OK'd

CA LOS ANGELES — School officials narrowly approved a plan to demolish most of the landmark hotel where Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1968 and build an education complex.

The Board of Education voted 4-3 to approve the \$318.2 million plan, which would preserve parts of the Embassy Ballroom, where Kennedy spoke after winning the California presidential primary. A panel will study whether the pany where Kennedy was shot by Sirhan Sirhan should be preserved.

Teen found culpable

IL CALUMET CITY — A 16-year-old boy who tossed lit firecrackers into an elderly woman's home over the Independence Day weekend has been found culpable in her death.

A judge found the boy delinquent of involuntary manslaughter and arson, the equivalent in juvenile court of a criminal conviction.

He ordered the teen held in home confinement until the completion of a behavioral examination. The boy could be ordered held until his 21st birthday, said Tom Stanton, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

The firecrackers ignited cur-



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tains in 76-year-old Eleanor Moll's home and spread smoke throughout the residence, but Moll was able to call 911 before falling to the kitchen floor, police said.

Artwork not pleasing

TN CHATTANOOGA — An excavation crew uncovered four, 8-foot-tall murals of Ku Klux Klansmen on hooded horses in a century-old downtown building, and the contractor decided to wash them away.

Claudio Costa ordered the murals of Klansmen carrying burning crosses pressure-washed from the upstairs walls of the building at the intersection of Market and Main streets.

The structure, known as the Clark Building, has been occupied since the late 1800s by furniture retailers, banks, feed stores and a rooming house.

Local historians said they had no interest in preserving the artwork.

University renovation

ND GRAND FORKS — The University of North Dakota is celebrating its renovated Memorial Union during Homecoming week.

The \$4.7 million renovation includes a new open mall, a conven-

ience store, a coffee shop and Internet cafe. One hot spot is the Loading Dock, an informal pub-like space in the area where trucks once unloaded material for the school's bookstore.

Mishap kills two

PA ALIQUIPPA — A dump truck backed over two construction workers, killing them, authorities said.

The two workers apparently did not hear the truck's warning signal or the shouts of a passing motorist over the noise of the work site, police said.

The driver, whose name was not released, did not see the workers, police said.

"You have a lot of noise at a construction site. You get immune to it," Aliquippa Police Chief Ralph Pallante said. "I think it was just a tragic accident."

Groom gets transplant

MI DETROIT — This groom got two hearts on his wedding day.

Hours after his nuptials, Steven Dulka III was at Henry Ford Hospital for a transplant.

The scramble began shortly after noon when Dulka, 51, who had inflammation of the heart, got a call from the hospital's transplant coordinator: There was a heart for him, and he needed to come to the hospital immediately.

"He and bride Deidre Jacoboni, 52, quickly called the chapel to move the wedding time up by an hour, then recruited a few friends to help them alert the guests.

Immediately afterward, the Dulka sped to the hospital.

Nixing development

SC BEAUFORT — Beaufort County paid \$311,250 for 69 acres adjoining the Marine Corps Air Station to protect the land from development. The Department of Defense will reimburse the county half the cost. A Marine Corps spokesman says Beaufort hopes to avoid the problems at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va., where development has interfered with pilot training.

Flu shot alternative

MN FERGUS FALLS — People who went to a local clinic to get a flu shot didn't receive the vaccine they wanted. Instead, they received an old-fashioned remedy.

The estimated 20 people who went to the flu shot clinic at Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union were sent home with a can of chicken soup and a pack of tissues.

Nick Mariotti, the branch supervisor, said the idea started out as a joke when he and his staff learned they had to cancel the clinic because of the nationwide shortage of flu vaccines.

Mariotti decided to buy a case of Campbell's chicken noodle soup and a bunch of tissues. He said the workers "kept them at the front desk, so when people walked in for the flu shot clinic, we could break the news lightly."



Yuck! Donavon Montgomery, 9, right, watches as Alma Mariscal, 10, shows her disapproval for a cup of mixed fruit applesauce during a taste test of lunch foods at Meadowbrook Elementary School in east Fort Worth, Texas.



Dust rises at Crazy Horse

A cloud of dust rises following a blast that ended the Native American Day program at Crazy Horse Memorial near Custer, S.D.



Seasonal workout

A women's rowing team is seen through fall foliage as they practice on Carnegie Lake in Princeton Township, N.J.

Awesome sight

In this partial solar eclipse, the moon starts its pass between the Earth and the Sun, as seen from the Makaha Valley on the west side of Oahu, Hawaii, before sunset.



Elephants from Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus eat their lunch in the North End neighborhood in Boston.

More than just peanuts



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Colorful demolition

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Dual landing

A pair of wood storks come in for a landing in the flats of the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge in Panama, Fla. The wood stork is on the endangered species list.



Peaceful morning

A horse basking in the morning sunshine grazes underneath a palette of color in Wilmington, N.Y.

Online divorce

NE LINCOLN — Couples seeking a separation can go online for forms for a so-called "simple divorce" that doesn't involve children and much significant property. Nebraska judges and attorneys developed the forms to help people who can't afford an attorney. The State Bar Association opposes the idea. Divorce attorneys believe there's no such thing as a simple divorce.

Hunter back in action

ME LEWISTON — A few months ago, it didn't look as if Junior "Bert" LaBrecque would get to hunt this fall. He broke his back in a fall in May and doctors didn't expect him to walk for two years.

LaBrecque was back on his feet sooner than expected, and the 64-year-old Lewiston man shot a moose weighing more than 800 pounds is considered large in Maine.

Experts estimate the animal shot by the LaBrecque weighed 1,300 pounds before it was dressed. The antler spread was 53 inches.

Arizona, Iraq connection

AZ PHOENIX — The Arizona auditorium that served as the site of the final presidential debate once was envisioned for a very different and very relevant location: Baghdad. Famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright drew up plans for an opera house in Baghdad in 1957, but the assassination of the Iraqi king a year later halted the project. Wright, however, revived the design for Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium — the site of the third presidential debate at Arizona State University in Tempe. The auditorium was one of Wright's last projects before his death in 1959, and taking the original designs for the Iraqi building made sense in Arizona, said John Rattenbury, the project architect for the auditorium and one of Wright's students.

Robbers show their faces

WA EVERETT — The security videotape shows it all — two masked men breaking into a store and loading a cash machine onto a truck. Then they made a fateful mistake: Taking off their masks and looking directly at the camera.

Video images from the heist at Dollar Update were released by the Snohomish County sheriff's office, eight days after the robbery. There was no immediate explanation for the delay, and no arrests were immediately reported.

The glass front door was found broken, and tape retrieved from motion-sensitive video cameras showed a small, white pickup backing up to the front door and the driver getting out. He and another man broke the door, pushed the automatic teller machine outside and loaded it onto the truck.

Defending dorns

AL TUSCALOOSA — University of Alabama President

Robert Witt says a live plan to require freshmen to new on campus beginning in 2006 is meant to improve academics, not help fund new dorms. Last week trustees approved \$36.5 million to build three four-story residence halls, to be ready by August 2005, and a community building. Witt says on-campus students perform better academically.

Lower tolls tested

OH MAUMEE — The state will begin an 18-month trial in February of lower tolls for commercial big rigs using the Ohio Turnpike. It wants to move trucks off overloaded two-lane roads near, Gov. Bob Taft said. The toll will drop from \$42.45 to \$31 for big trucks crossing the state on Interstate 80. Tolls for cars will remain the same.

Rise in female addicts

MT GREAT FALLS — Women make up a growing percentage of people being treated for methamphetamine addiction in Montana, state health figures show. Statistics show that women made up 49 percent of the patients treated in Montana for a primary addiction to methamphetamine in fiscal 2004, which ended last June 30. Women represent a much smaller percentage of those treated for alcohol and marijuana abuse, officials say.

Nap alleged to work

MA PLYMOUTH — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is investigating a report that a senior reactor operator fell asleep in the control room at Pilgrim Nuclear Station.

The NRC, which said the incident was brought to the federal agency's attention in a lawsuit, notified plant officials about the incident. Plant officials subsequently suspended the entire crew that worked the shift on the night in question, June 29, and the napping operator and a co-worker who took his picture sleeping with a cell phone camera were let go.

"The operator's nap was brief, and never posed a threat to the public," said the NRC, which was notified of the incident by a third party.

Green for green

CA CATHEDRAL CITY — Residents ripping out lawns here are still seeing green.

The city is kicking in up to \$500 to some homeowners who replace turf with low-water desert landscaping. The reimbursement program is available to people in the Panorama neighborhood where broken sprinklers and standing water are a problem.

The city set aside \$30,000 from a pool of money it gets from the state to promote conservation, city environmental conservation manager Deanna Pressgrove said.

Resident Shilo Herring has already uprooted grass in his front yard and installed desert plants.

"It is just so time-consuming. Trimming and mowing and watering, and then you do it all over again," said Herring, who is applying to the city for \$500 in reimbursements for converting to a desert-friendly, low-water landscape.

Stories and photos from wire services.

FACES

Britney Federline?

Britney Spears, newly married to dancer Kevin Federline, says she would like to take his last name and wants to start a family next year, a German magazine reported.

"Britney Federline. I like that," Bunte quoted the 22-year-old "Oops! ... I Did It Again" singer as saying.

Spears said she would like to have a child, but still needed to get some business affairs sorted out beforehand, according to this week's Bunte.

"Next year, when I'm 23, I'll be ready," she was quoted as saying. But she intends to continue her music career, according to the interview.

Spears last week finalized her marriage to Federline, three weeks after a hush-hush ceremony that was her second wedding of the year.

Her spokeswoman said documents formalizing the marriage were filed Oct. 7.

Federline was previously involved with actress Shar Jackson of TV's "Moesha." They have two children — a 2-year-old and a newborn.



Spears

Martin rickles with ex-manager

Pop star Ricky Martin and his former manager have reached a confidential settlement to end months of legal battles in which they sued each other for breach of contract and financial debts.

Martin and former manager Angelo Medina lugged each other during a news conference in Puerto Rico that followed San Juan Superior Judge Oscar Davila's announcement of the agreement Wednesday. Davila prohibited both sides from releasing details of the settlement.

Martin had filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against Medina, claiming the former manager didn't provide services for which he had received advance payment.

Medina responded with a \$63.6 million lawsuit, accusing Martin of failing to live up to terms agreed upon when they ended their contract in September 2003. Medina claimed he was supposed to continue managing Martin's career in Puerto Rico but not internationally. Instead, Martin broke all ties.

Speeding gets rock star in trouble

Eric Clapton won't be driving in France for a while. Police said they clocked the rock star speeding down a highway at 134 mph and suspended his license.

Radar caught Clapton whizzing down a highway Tuesday in his Porsche 911 Turbo at 53 mph above the speed limit, police said. He was stopped near the town of Merceuil, south of Beaune, near Dijon and some 190 miles east of Paris.

Police confiscated Clapton's British driver's license, suspending his right to drive in France.

Clapton, 59, took the bad news well, agreeing to a photo session with police.

After paying a \$922 fine, he then rolled away in his Porsche — this time in the passenger seat with his secretary behind the wheel, police said Thursday.



Clapton

Voting in style

They look like guys for trendy shoes, handbags and clothes, but the colorful designs that will adorn The Fashion Center Information Kiosk on Seventh Avenue are selling a civic duty rather than the latest style.

The ads come from 10 designers putting their own creative spin on a "Voting is always in style" campaign sponsored by The Fashion Center, a local nonpartisan business improvement organization. The kiosk is located at the corner of 39th Street, beneath a giant needle and button.

Designs for the kiosk windows, to be unveiled Friday, came from Carmen Marc Valvo, Eileen Fisher, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Kenneth Cole, Betsey Johnson, Nicole Miller, Stephen Burrows, Sylvia Heisel, Rocawear and Phil Farn.

"Vote fashionably!" urges Valvo's ad, which features a sketch of a red, white and blue outfit slathered with donkeys, elephants and the letters "DNC" and "GOP."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

TAKING A STAB AT SPRINGSTEEN

Springsteen willing to risk alienating fans by leading tour supporting Kerry candidacy

BY TOM MOON

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — When the music quits and Bruce Springsteen begins what he calls the "public-service announcement" portion of his set at Friday night's Vote for Change concert at the Wachovia Center, the New Jersey rocker will do something he has resisted throughout a career of more than 30 years: make an overtly partisan political statement.

"There's some reluctance, certainly, to be coming out and doing what we're doing now," Springsteen said Tuesday in a phone interview about the series of 37 benefit performances he helped organize for Americans Coming Together, the group that's mobilizing voters for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

The barnstorming tour of 12 swing states — which involves Pearl Jam, the Dave Matthews Band, the Dixie Chicks, R.E.M., Sheryl Crow, Kely M'o and others — represents a significant change in the delicate mix of rock and politics. While stars have often lent their skills to causes (famine relief, nuclear disarmament, aid to farmers), there has never been such a coordinated campaign to elect a candidate.

Springsteen, 55, acknowledges that his stand probably will alienate some fans. He has accepted the risk, he says, because he believes the stakes are too high.

"This election is about a set of ideals, and truthfulness, and creating the country you want your kids to grow up in," says the father of three, who lives in Rumson, N.J. "No other election I can remember has had that kind of significance to me."

Early in the campaign, Springsteen discovered that many of his musician peers felt likewise, and were looking for "some way to have a collective impact." Those conversations sealed it for him: "I realized that this is the time. I can't sit this one out if I meant the things I've been writing about these 30 years."

Springsteen's songbook includes poignant odes about deserted Rust Belt towns and police brutality and the heroic firefighters of 9-11.

But while he has spoken eloquently on social issues at his shows for years, he says he isn't preparing a statement to deliver at the Vote for Change performances.

"There will be no intense speechifying from the stage as far as I know," he says of the bill, which also includes John Fogerty and Bright Eyes.

Yet he knows that everything he says will resonate differently.

"The same words are going to be changed by the moment and the event. I actually think it will add clarity to some of my music, recast some of the things I've been saying in a clearer and more powerful light."

He rejects criticism that the Vote for Change shows preach to the converted. After all, everyone with a ticket knows that his money is going to a group bent on dumping President Bush.

"We're going to find the Republi-

cans in the crowd, and there will be a laying on of hands. ... We're going to convert people!" he says, sounding like a street preacher.

Then, turning more serious, Springsteen notes that he has encountered "a lot of people who actually haven't made their minds up" about how they will vote. "I have friends who grew up Republican, and they're unsure. One guy's an outdoorsman, so the environment is important to him. Those kinds of people we might be able to reach."

Another issue is the war in Iraq, a topic on which Springsteen is anything but ambivalent: "If you mislead your people into a war, and that costs a thousand lives and many, many more wounded and \$200 billion of taxpayer money, and it turns out the grounds for going to war have been false, you lose your job. ... There's an element of common sense to it."

Political observers believe the Vote for Change tour could be a factor in swaying voters.

"You get 10,000 people in a stadium, and swing them to your side, well, we saw states decided by less than that four years ago," says Matthew Felling, executive director for a research group Center for Media

and Public Affairs. Felling says Vote for Change removes conservative's favorite chair entertainers, that they're chortling out-of-touch liberals. You that about red-white-and-blue

Bruce Springsteen."

More important, Felling says, is the capital Springsteen and others have built up. "The singers have a power the politicians don't possess — sincerity. Americans know that the wardrobes of Bush and Kerry are focus-grouped to death. There's more trust with the artists."

But there are risks to the performer. Robert Thompson, professor of popular culture at Syracuse University, puts it this way: "In a divided country, where people who think one way tend to get upset with people who think differently, [a performer] could alienate a big portion of the fan base very quickly. This wouldn't have been the case in the '60s, where issues like the draft united whole generations."

Thompson adds that the Vote for Change tour's high visibility poses another danger: the taint of association that could last far beyond Nov. 2.

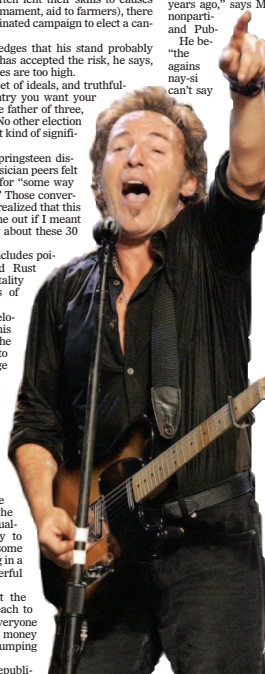
"You're forever linked to this cause, no matter how the election turns out," he says.

Springsteen says that while he's been frustrated by the media's handling of Iraq and the apparent unwillingness of John Kerry to treat the election as a "street fight," he remains convinced that the idealism that spawned Vote for Change is not misplaced.

"Sen. Kerry has to make the point that America isn't always right, but it's always true," Springsteen says. "It's as seekers of truth that our real Americanness comes to the forefront."

That is a deeper sort of Americanism than the jingoism, the right-or-wrong dime-store version of the American myth the Republicans are so good at packaging. To

me it's the essence of patriotism, being truthful."





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Dakar	74	53	Nairobi	74	58
Freeport	87	75	Rabat	72	54
Kinshasa	87	75	Tripoli	74	54

THE WORLD

Amsterdam	54	47	Manila	80	74
Bahrein	96	72	Mexico City	69	53
Beijing	72	48	Montreal	61	44
Bombay	89	73	Nairobi	74	58
Buenos Aires	82	73	Rio de Jan	77	71
Calcutta	82	73	Sao Paulo	69	55
Chennai	82	73	Sydney	69	56
Chongqing	82	73	Tokyo	69	56

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and gusty winds. High in the low 50s, Sunday lows in the low 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers and gusty winds. High in the mid 50s, Sunday lows in the low to mid 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with fog and isolated thunderstorms. High in the upper 50s, Sunday lows in the mid 40s.

France: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. High in the low 50s to upper 60s, Sunday lows in the mid 40s to low 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High in the mid 50s, Sunday lows in the upper 30s to low 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High in the upper 40s to low 50s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 30s.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High in the low 60s, Sunday lows in the low 40s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. High in the mid to upper 50s, Sunday lows in the low 40s to mid 50s.

Southern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and gusty winds. High in the mid 60s to low 70s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. High in the upper 50s to low 60s, Sunday lows in the mid to mid 40s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High in the mid 40s to mid 50s, Sunday lows in the upper 30s to low 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny to partly cloudy. High in the upper 60s to low 70s, Sunday lows in the low 40s to low 50s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy. High in the upper 70s, Sunday lows in the upper 40s to mid 60s.

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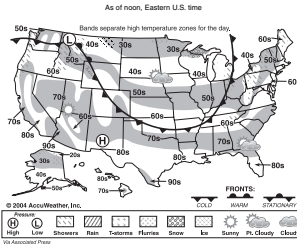
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Cairo	89/67	Dhahran	103/74	Bombay	91/73

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SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	7:09AM	7:09AM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:50AM	7:51AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	6:28PM	6:27PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	6:32PM	6:30PM

THE UNITED STATES TODAY



Scheduled to ETS or PCS?

Check our Relocation Guide every Saturday to find Realtors at your new station.

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Horoscope

This afternoon, the moon enters Sagittarius, the sign of adventure. Go have one! Travel by train, plane or automobile is favored. It doesn't even matter where you're going because all the fun is in getting there. Libra planets assure that if you start out alone, you'll wind up with new friends. And if you start out with new friends, you'll wind up with more.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 16). Big surprises are in the works for you this year. An unexpected promotion comes before the winter holidays. You're fortunate in other ways, too, perhaps winning a vacation or eloping! With everything moving so fast, remember to slow down and take time out for simple pleasures. The children in your life need extra guidance through January.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love deeply and passionately. You might hurt, but it's the only way to live completely. Besides, your partner will be able to tell if you're holding back, and this will be to your disadvantage. Make your feelings known.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your schedule changes abruptly due to unforeseen circumstances. Make your case as succinctly as possible, and then, let things take their course. Try not to take your work home with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Get out and socialize. Whether you're at a business function or a dinner party with friends, you're likely to meet someone of the opposite sex who could very well become an important business contact.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You find yourself changing your mind about something you thought you'd settled long ago. This change is going to take a bit of effort to unravel and probably will involve another person. Ask a Leo or Sagittarius for advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If, for the first thing you hate, it's being typecast. So if people are trying to stuff you into a particular mold, they're in trouble. You'll probably

find yourself doing something shocking just to get a reaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're feeling positively daring. You're able to do something impulsive, like call in sick to work and road-trip it to Vegas for a long weekend, maybe longer. Shaking up your old routine is a good thing. Feel free to indulge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Something bizarre could fall from the clear blue sky. Literally! It would behoove you to keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings as you're walking around. You receive something unexpected, possibly found money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're somewhat accident-prone, so be careful. That goes double for an unintended slip of the tongue that could get you into trouble. If single, you're most likely to meet someone if you go out with a group of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What comes around goes around. The good deed you do may benefit you at the least expected time. Of course, if you do someone a kindness expecting to get something in return, that sort of defeats the purpose.

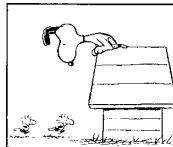
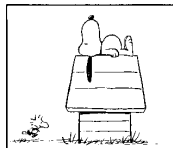
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give people more than they expect, and do it with a smile on your face. You just might be able to kill the bad morale in a certain group with kindness. If not, get out. When the going gets tough, the tough go on vacation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've never been one to take things lying down, but now, you are in a prime position to make your voice heard. You're probably already registering people to vote and licking envelopes for your favorite candidate.

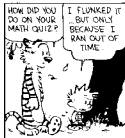
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Respect yourself and the abilities of the people on your team. You've got something really big brewing, and you cannot go it alone on this one. Defer to your lawyer, business partner or family whenever possible and appropriate.

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Peanuts



Calvin and Hobbes



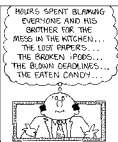
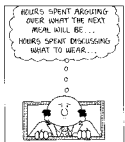
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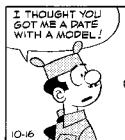
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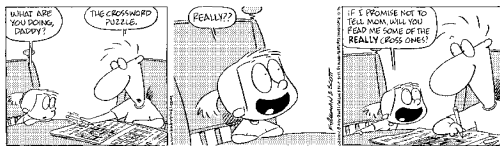
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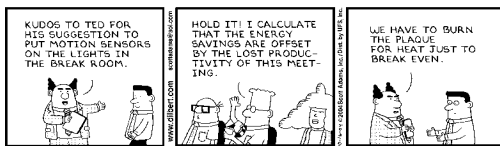
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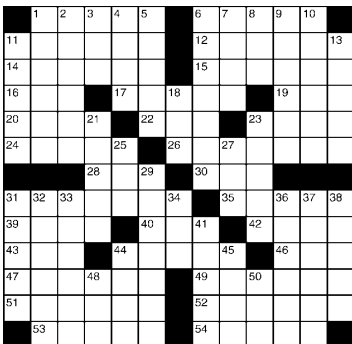
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Mom chooses boyfriend over kid

Dear Abby: I am a mother of two. I recently learned that my 16-year-old daughter, "Rene," is pregnant. When she told me who the father is, I discovered she had been having an affair with my live-in boyfriend, "Leo." It was devastating. I am engaged to marry Leo, and I still love him.

I made Rene move out. I know this seems harsh because she is pregnant, but I feel I can have a good relationship with Leo only if Rene is not around. I don't mean to offend you over her, but Rene is my daughter, and she should have known better.

What do you think I should do? I don't want to disown her. Also, I want to raise Rene's baby as my own, and this infuriates her. Who is wrong? Please give me your insight.

Confused in Canada
Dear Confused: Please recognize your priorities. Your duty is to protect your children. Leo is

an adult. Your daughter is only 16. Leo has far more experience. Your fiancé is a predator who may have pursued you in order to get close to your daughter. You say you have two children.

Is the other child a daughter too? It's time to show your fiancé the door and call the police. Rene should stay with you until she's able to complete her education and care for herself and her baby.

And Leo should help to financially support the child until it is an adult.

Dear Abby: My husband talks constantly. He can't sit through a movie or watch a television show without piping up. He has "loads of information" on every subject.

If we are out in public and someone speaks, my husband goes into high gear. When we go to his office — he is a truck driv-

er — the office personnel scatter. They dread to see him coming.

I can't speak to him in confidence about personal things, or finances, and trust that he won't repeat everything he hears. I don't know how to stop him. He seems oblivious. It has become an embarrassment to be out with him. I find myself trying to avoid him at home.

Please help me. I love my husband.

— Really Down in T-Town
Dear Really Down: Your husband may be a compulsive talker. He could be trying to compensate for insecurity or have an emotional problem. Since you can't get through your next step is to get him professional help. It's sad that someone who probably only wants to be liked and accepted is driving those close to him away, and it may take counseling for your husband to recognize what he's doing.

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Dear Abby



a movie or watch a television show without piping up. He has "loads of information" on every subject.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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A POPULAR WAY TO GRAB A FAST LUNCH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: BATON MAUVE OUTWIT COUPLE

Answer: When the tree doctor promised to save the oak he — WENT OUT ON A LIMB

Tips to fight childhood obesity

Dear Annie: As a recently retired physical educator and health teacher, I had a unique opportunity to watch children eat and play during the day. I have been witness to the increasing weight problems our children are facing. Here are a few helpful hints to help parents lead the way to healthier eating:

1. Parents, not the children, buy the food. Purchase only healthy food, and they will eat only healthy food. Believe me, they'll adjust and so will you.

2. Many vegetables are now sold pre-packaged or cut up and ready to throw in a sandwich bag. Carrots, broccoli and cherry tomatoes are all tasty treats. Grapes, bananas, oranges and apples also make great, easy snacks.

3. Dairy products are good sources of calcium and protein. Try yogurt in tubes and string

Annie's Mailbox



cheese sticks. And kids love those cheese-and-cracker packs.

4. Cut out the high-fat foods like potato chips and chocolate-covered snacks. They fill up the kids with empty calories, and an hour later, they are hungry again.

5. Cereal is a popular and healthy snack.

Balance it with cheese for protein or fruit that provides vitamins and fiber.

6. Both peanut butter and yogurt make great dips for fruit. Try apples and celery with peanut butter, and cantaloupe and strawberries with yogurt.

7. Serve a full and nutritious breakfast. It makes a tremendous difference in your child's ability to concentrate and learn during school hours.

8. Improve your child's fitness by improving your own. Walk, hike, shoot hoops, ride bikes,

climb mountain paths, play tennis, ski, jump rope, swim, kick a soccer ball, rake leaves, or do an exercise video.

Be sure to include the kids.

9. Never, ever, ever call your child fat. Accept children as they are. Talk instead about healthy living, teach them good eating habits, provide healthy food, and engage in family fitness activities.

10. Support stronger physical education programs and health curriculums in your schools. Sincerely,

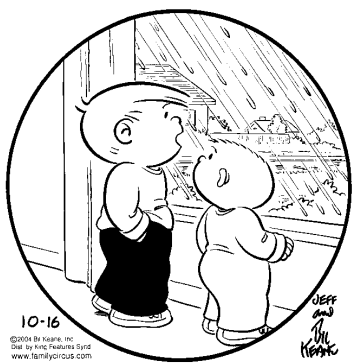
— A Retired Teacher in Eliot, Maine

Dear Teacher: Your guidelines are excellent, and we hope parents will clip them out and keep them handy when they go to the grocery store. Thank you.

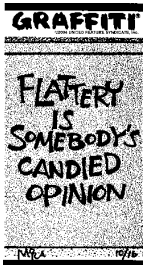
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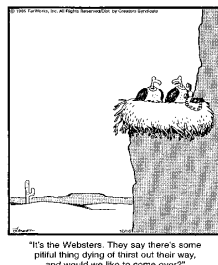


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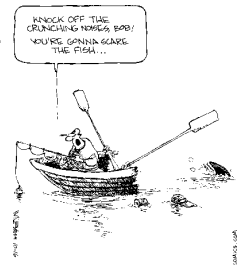


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The Far Side



Non Sequitur



Support growing for Buffalo to start passing more often

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Receiver Eric Moulds is all for owner Ralph Wilson's suggestion that the Buffalo Bills open up their passing attack.

"I think we've got the players to open it up," Moulds said Thursday. "We've been coming out trying to establish the run. And I think we're going to try to continue to establish the run. But at the same time, we need to throw the ball a little more often."

Moulds' comments came after Wilson criticized his team's offense for being boring following Buffalo's 16-14 loss Sunday to the New York Jets. Saying he was tired of smashmouth football, Wilson said he'd rather see quarterback Drew Bledsoe throw the ball deep more often, even if it meant risking interceptions.

The Bills need some kind of spark, having lost their first four games this season, and preparing to host Miami (0-5) in a meeting between the NFL's two remaining winless teams.

Moulds' support for Wilson is not a big surprise, considering the Bills' marquee receiver has lobbied in the past to have more passes thrown his way.

The difference this time, Moulds said, is that unlike last season, he's not bothered by a groin injury that prevented

him from going deep. And he noted that the Bills have a receiving corps capable of being successful with the emergence of rookie Lee Evans, the first-round draft pick who's quickly taken over the No. 2 role.

The Bills offense, under new coordinator Tom Clements, has stuck to a conservative approach, concentrating on establishing the run, and having Bledsoe get rid of the ball quickly. That's come at the expense of the deep game, which has been used sparingly, and mostly when Buffalo is playing catch-up.

Coach Mike Mularkey has said that he doesn't intend to stray too far from the current offensive philosophy, in part because it's proven difficult to protect Bledsoe, who has been sacked a league-high 19 times.

The Bills are averaging just under 13 points, and have generated five offensive touchdowns.

Nothing resolved with Rice

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Raiders coach Norv Turner still considers Jerry Rice a starter in Oakland's offense and plans to use the receiver Sunday against Denver.

The 42-year-old Rice told the team he wants to be traded if he can't have a significant role, and he met with owner Al Davis on Wednesday night to discuss it.

"Gosh, I wasn't in it," Turner said Thursday of the meeting. "They talked

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prospects for upcoming game:
 Oakland (0-5) tight end (hamstring) probable
 Jets (0-6) Brandon Moore (hamstring out)
 Packers (1-4) WR Robert Ferguson (ankle, knee) probable
 Redskins (3) John Hall (groin) questionable.

about the situation and nothing has happened to this point."

Rice, who will earn \$1.35 million in base salary this season, said this week he would like to go elsewhere before the trade deadline on Tuesday so another team could better utilize his talents.

"There's no news," Rice said in the parking lot as he left the facility for the day. "We just talked football. We put two heads together and had a good talk."

Last season, Rice led the Raiders in catches (63) and yards receiving (869).

Dolphins' Ahanotu quits team

DAVIE, Fla. — Defensive end Chidi Ahanotu has left the Miami Dolphins after complaining about a lack of playing time.

The 12-year veteran signed as a free agent at the end of the preseason.

"You have Jason Taylor, Jay Williams and David Bowen. There was no room for Chidi," Dolphins' defensive lineman Bryan Robinson said Thursday. "In this business, everybody won't be satisfied."



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Würzburg junior Francis Smythe easily won her second consecutive DODDS girls championship.

Heidelberg's Nyander rallies to win DODDS boys golf title

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Heidelberg's Greg Nyander made an eagle and two birdies on the final three holes Friday to edge Rota's Jason Alard by one stroke and win the 2004 DODDS-Europe high school golf championship.

Nyander shot 5-over 76 Friday to post a 163 total for 36 holes at 6,239-yard Rheinblick Golf Club. The senior shot 87 Thursday, but only trailed the leader by six after the first round.

"I thought I had no chance to win," Nyander said. "I didn't even think I'd make the top three."

"But I have not ever had a stretch like that," Defending girls' champion Frances Smythe, a junior from Würzburg, won another title easily. Based on the Stableford scoring system, Smythe scored 30 points for a two-day total of 56, 18 more than Lakenheath's Sarah Wells.

"I love playing here," Smythe said. Smythe and her younger sister, Rebecca, scored 92 of champion Würzburg's 125 points. Lakenheath was second with 88 and Hamau third with 41.

Led by Miles Pressnell, who finished fourth (168), Würzburg captured the boys title. The Wolves' total of 261 edged Ramstein by 10 points for the Division I crown.

Rota, with four golfers among the top 10, won the combined Division II-III crown with 320 points. Patch was second with 263.

Nyander began his closing charge on the 475-yard 16th hole, a severe dogleg right with a narrow fairway.

With driver and 5-iron, Nyander said, "and knocked it 4 feet from the cup."

Nyander made the putt and followed with birdies on the 361-yard, par-4 17th and the 480-yard, par-5 18th.

"I missed my eagle putt on 18 by inches," Nyander said.

Defending champion Gilbert Mendez and Rota teammate Alard had rough days.

Mendez, the first-round leader with 81, shot 48 on the front nine Friday and managed just 45 on the back to finish in ninth place at 174.

"Everything was wrong today," he said. Alard, who shot 83 Friday, carded a 39 on the front nine. He started the back nine with a birdie and a par, but followed with a pair of double-bogies and a triple-bogey.

Alard had trouble on the greens on 12 and 13, Alard said. "They were really bumpy."

Alard, who won Thursday's long-drive award and Friday's closest-to-the-pin contest, finished with three pars for an 81 Friday. He missed a 5-foot putt on 18 that would've tied Nyander.

BY RANDY PENNELL

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In the 16 years since he retired as coach of the San Francisco 49ers, Bill Walsh has watched his West Coast offense go national.

Six of the last 10 Super Bowl champions, including the Green Bay Packers, Denver Broncos and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, have run some variation of the short passing attack closely associated with the 49ers that won three Super Bowls under Walsh.

But today's West Coast offense looks much different from what Walsh concocted in 1970 as an assistant with the Cincinnati Bengals to cater to weak-arm quarterback Virgil Carter.

"It's been long enough now that we all have moved away and tinkered with it," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, who served as Walsh's quarterback coach with the Niners and contributed to its proliferation by mentoring coaches such as in the late 1980s and early 1990s as Tampa Bay's Jon Gruden. "It doesn't resemble too much what we did in '88 or '89. It's OK to call it that, but if you'll excuse me it's kind of a lazy term."

The changes have come slowly, with each coach putting his own imprint on the offense.

"The pure West Coast came from Bill Walsh," Reid said. "But defenses have changed since then, and you have different personnel according to the team you're on."

The offense began its development when Walsh needed to design a passing game that took advantage of the talents of Carter, a heady, athletic quarterback who lacked the arm strength of Greg Cook, who was injured in his second sea-

son with the Bengals. Cook led a deep-throwing offense that had two starting receivers average more than 20 yards per catch in his rookie year.

"The essence of it is (for the quarterback) to have a primary receiver, an alternate receiver and an outlet receiver and then to run. And those decisions need to be made very, very quickly," said Walsh, who added precision timing to some of the offensive principles of coaching greats Paul Brown and Sid Gilman — including greater involvement of running backs in the passing game — to maximize Carter's effectiveness.

But later, as defenses disrupted the intricate timing of the offense, coaches countered by varying their formations from Walsh's standard offense of two running backs, one tight end and two wide receivers, said Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

"Guys like Brett Favre have the shotgun from time to time, which way back when never would have happened," Childress said.

"I think the one-back sets you see are an adjustment. Originally, there weren't those. (Walsh) would motion them out of the backfield on occasion, but all the one-back, four-wide, empty type of sets are things that have been added on."

Many principles of the passing game remain the same, but are approached in new ways.

As an example, Childress points to the drive — a shallow crossing route that can be broken off to settle against zone coverage with a deeper crossing route behind it.

"We try to make a principle, like a drive principle, and see how many ways we can do it," Childress said. "A drive is about the same thing it is here, or in Se-

attle or Green Bay, and is probably one of the tenets that hasn't changed much."

Some changes came in the running game, much to the dismay of Walsh, who feels today's linemen have gotten too big to run the sweeps and traps that were staples of his original West Coast offense.

"It's basically a man-block, shove the guy out of the way, shove him down the line run game," Walsh said. "We had more trapping and more running game than teams have today."

Walsh also contributed to the spread of dual-threat running backs — players like St. Louis' Marshall Faulk, the New York Giants' Tiki Barber and the Eagles' Brian Westbrook — who are in the mold of Roger Craig, the San Francisco running back who in 1985 became the first NFL player to have more than 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in a season.

"Roger was the first player, other than Hugh Downs who played 40 years ago, who was a true all-around back," Walsh said. "We could put him anywhere on the field, wide receiver or anywhere on a given play, and he'd be effective."

Personnel plays a significant role in the evolution of the offense, coaches and players agree.

Packer quarterback Doug Pederson described Green Bay's version as the Midwest offense.

"Now that [coach Mike] Sherman's here, it's evolved into a Brett Favre, Donald Driver, Alman Green offense. It's evolved in its own way," Pederson said.

AP Sports Writers Tim Korte in Seattle, Arnie in Denver and Jeffery Lay in Detroit contributed to this report.

Patriots, Seahawks downplay New England's winning streak

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — At the mere mention of the word, Joe Andruzzi dropped his head back and let out an exasperated sigh.

It's true: The New England Patriots have another stretch on the line.

"Oh, geez," the Patriots' offensive lineman said this week as he prepared to play the Seattle Seahawks for what could be an NFL record-tying 17th consecutive regular-season victory.

The Patriots, who haven't lost since Sept. 28, 2003, won their 19th straight game last week when they beat Miami 24-10. That stretch, which included their run to the Super Bowl title, was the all-inclusive NFL record, and the Patriots thought they had put a rest to all the streak talk.

But a win this week would tie the regular-season record set by the Chicago Bears in 1933-34.

"I could care less," Seattle running back Shaun Alexander said. "We want to go out there and be a Super Bowl team, and New England is in the way, so we have to go to get a win. I think it's sweet that they are as good as they are — two-time Super Bowl champs in three years. It reminds me of it exciting for me."

(But) the kids they have, or

everything else?" he said. "Who cares?"

Not the Patriots, or so they say, after they won the last 12 games of the regular season last year, three more in the playoffs and then their first four this year. After beating Indianapolis in the regular-season opener — the only blemish on the Colts' record — the Patriots beat Arizona, Buffalo and Miami, teams that have one win among them.

Now comes a stretch in which New England plays Seattle (3-1), the New York Jets (4-0), the Pittsburgh Steelers (4-1) and the St. Louis Rams (3-2).

Seattle's modest streak ended last week after St. Louis rallied from a 17-point deficit in the final 5½ minutes to tie the game, then won on a 52-yard touchdown pass in overtime.

"They lost last week, but they were in that game and I'm sure they felt like they should have won that game," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "We are playing a team that is basically undefeated. It is a great challenge for us."

Brady has a challenge of his own: He's coming off the worst performance of his career. The two-time Super Bowl MVP completed just seven passes for 76 yards on Sunday and finished the game with a sore shoulder and



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four stitches on his chin.

"That makes me nervous," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said, "because I don't think he's going to do that too often."

Before Seattle went from undefeated to "basically undefeated," the Seahawks were being mentioned as Super Bowl contenders. They had allowed just 13 points in their first 15½ quarters before allowing 23 in the last 8½ minutes against St. Louis.

"People have been talking about us in a really positive way, and talking about us going really far," Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "The difference is that's just talk, and the Patriots act on it. I really don't think us, as the Seattle Seahawks, can even say we're anywhere near the caliber of the team that the Patriots are."

"We never even won a playoff game," he said. "I think it's almost disrespectful to the teams in



New England Patriots fans at last Sunday's game in Foxboro, Mass., cheer their team's 19th consecutive victory. One victory would tie the regular-season record set by the Chicago Bears in 1933-34.

the NFC that have been there or been so close, and to the Patriots who have actually been there and done it, to just start throwing our name around the way people have. On one hand, yes, it's nice that people think we have a good team, but on the other hand it doesn't mean anything. We need to go out and earn some respect."

The Seahawks have not lost to the Patriots since 1988, though the teams haven't met since '93. Hasselbeck knows a little something about the Patriots — his fa-

ther, Don, played for the team from 1977-83; Matt and his brothers used to hang around, playing catch with the receivers, helping the quarterbacks warm up, even folding the towels in the laundry room.

"I just spent a lot of time down there," he said. "I just learned a lot being around those guys. Those guys were great to me, really took care of me. I can't say enough for the experience and the help that it was being around those guys."

To Dallas, Roethlisberger is not an ordinary rookie

BY JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells has a favorite line about rookies who blaze onto the scene: "Don't put him in Canton yet."

Yet with the Pittsburgh Steelers coming to Texas Stadium on Sunday to face the Dallas Cowboys, Parcells went the opposite direction in praising their young quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger.

Parcells started by calling him "the best young prospect I've seen in 10 to 12 years," then said he's making the most seamless transition from college to the pros since Dan Marino.

"I think it's pretty remarkable what he's done," Parcells said. "I haven't seen many rookie quarterbacks come in and perform at that level."

Had he continued, Parcells might have worked his way up to asking for Roethlisberger's cost so he could order the yellow blazer that goes with induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Get the picture? The verbal bouquets reflect a double-edged ploy. He's both "feeding cheese" — another of his pet phrases — to try inflating the kid's ego and trying to persuade his young secondary to spend more time studying the playbook.

Roethlisberger handled the kudos with the poise he's shown on the field, thanking Parcells while acknowledging it could be a setup.

"It's a little too early to be putting those statements on it," he said. "I'll be as good as Marino, I'll be incredibly happy."

Well, at least it would inside Dallas's locker room, although players insisted Par-



Ben Roethlisberger is trying to be the first quarterback to win his first four NFL games since Phil Simms did it in 1979 with the New York Giants. He's could also become the first Pittsburgh quarterback to beat Dallas since Terry Bradshaw in 1982.

cells' compliments merely supported what they saw on film.

"If you took his name and number off his jersey, you wouldn't think he's a rookie at all," marveled Dallas defensive end Greg Ellis. "He's the real deal. He's going to be one of those \$100 million quarterbacks in a few years."

Big, strong, mobile, smart and rock-armed, Roethlisberger has started his



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career by winning his first three NFL starts, something that was almost a fluke when it was last done — in 1987, by a replacement player who was gone once the strike ended.

Another win Sunday and Roethlisberger will be the first to go 4-0 since Phil Simms on the 1979 New York Giants, a team that had another NFL rookie on its coaching staff, a guy named Parcells.

And how's this for a nice historic tie-in: Roethlisberger could become the first Pittsburgh quarterback to beat Dallas since Terry Bradshaw in 1982.

Nostalgia always play around a Steelers-Cowboys game because of the two great Super Bowls the franchises played against each other in the 1970s. Pittsburgh won both, with Dallas getting its revenge in the mid-'80s. No other teams have met more than twice in the Super Bowl.

This game isn't being billed as a precursor to a fourth Super Bowl matchup. But it should help with the evaluation of both teams.

Roethlisberger and the Steelers (4-1) have looked great the past three weeks, but it's been at winless Miami and at home

against two poor teams, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

So a win at Dallas (2-2) could help legitimize Pittsburgh's hot start and send the Steelers into their off week with the confidence needed to prepare for their next two foes: New England and Philadelphia, two of the league's three remaining unbeaten.

"All the great teams are good on the road and that's something we want to stress," said Hines Ward, the AFC's receptions leader. "It's a big game for us. If we go down there and steal it, we're 5-1 going into our bye week. We can get our guys healthy and get ready to finish the year out strong with 10 games left."

The Cowboys are looking for a jolt to get their season going.

They've shown they can run, throw and defend, but haven't done it all in one game.

Dallas had to go down to the final play to beat Cleveland and Washington, teams that are a combined 3-7. In losses to Minnesota and New York (combined 7-2), the Cowboys saw four-point games at halftime turn lopsided by getting outscored 41-7 in the second halves.

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher is doing some cheese-feeding himself by reminding his team that the Cowboys had the NFL's top-rated defense last season, when Dallas made the playoffs. But that unit already has allowed eight plays of 30-plus yards.

And big plays are probably third on Dallas' list of problems, behind penalties and turnovers.

The offense frustrates Parcells, too, averaging just 16.8 points despite gaining 357.2 yards per game.

"When I've got a team behaving like I don't want it to behave in some respects, it bothers me," he said. "My job is to rectify that."

Berlin, Miami won't stay down for the count

'Canes overcome 17-point deficit to shade Louisville

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI Flat on his back on the Orange Bowl turf, Brock Berlin writhed from the hit he had just taken. The Louisville Cardinals had him down, but not out.

Berlin rose slowly and stayed in the game, sparking a second-half rally to help No. 3 Miami beat No. 18 Louisville 41-38 Thursday night.

"I was hurting pretty good," said Berlin, whose chest was bruised in the second quarter. "But I never considered coming out of the game."

Good thing for the Hurricanes (5-0), who needed Berlin's three touchdown passes in erasing a 17-point deficit in the final 20 minutes. Miami came from behind twice in the fourth quarter to remain in the race for a sixth national championship since 1983.

"Brock Berlin played a super game, especially in the second half," coach Larry Coker said. "He was on fire."

Berlin threw for 308 yards — 215 after halftime — and directed the winning drive, a 36-yard march capped by Frank Gore's 1-yard run with 49 seconds left.

"We kind of got ourselves in a hole," Berlin said. "Some things weren't working. But we proved what type of character our team has."

Gore's touchdown capped a seven-play fourth quarter. Devin Hester scored on a 78-yard punt return to put Miami ahead 34-31, but Louisville (4-1) regained the lead when freshman backup quarterback Brian Brohm directed an 80-yard touchdown drive.

Stefan LeFors threw three touchdown passes for the Cardinals before being sidelined with a concussion in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals had touted the game as perhaps the biggest in school history, and they rose to the occasion. The Hurricanes narrowly averted only the second loss in their past 30 games at the Orange Bowl.

"We came out and threw everything we had at them," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "I thought we had them. Unfortunately we didn't."

That was largely due to Berlin, the target of boos when Miami fell behind in the first half. He finished 25-for-37, including a completion on fourth-and-4 to keep the winning drive alive, and threw touchdown passes of 9 yards to Greg Olsen, 14 yards to Roscoe Parrish and 11 yards to Akieem Jolla.

The Hurricanes scored on all six possessions in the second half, but Brohm had them worried until a pass on the final play from midfield was intercepted.

"We're hurting and we're down," Petrino said. "Any time you go out and compete as hard as you can and lose, it hurts."

The Cardinals led 24-7 at halftime and 31-14 late in the third quarter. An early goal-line stand suggested they meant business, and 24 consecutive points in the first half confirmed it.

LeFors went 17-for-22 for 244 yards. Lionel Gates scored three times and Tiger Jones caught two touchdown passes for the Cardinals, who totaled 507 yards against a defense that had given up only one touchdown in four games.

Gates also took a short snap on a fake punt and ran 39 yards to set up a touchdown.

The Hurricanes were the more unstoppable team in the second half, and Berlin directed consecutive scoring drives of 76, 66 and 87 yards to cut the deficit to 31-24. The Cardinals then committed their first turnover when LeFors fumbled a snap on his final play, setting up Jon Peattie's second field goal to make it 31-27 with 12 minutes left.

Miami forced a punt, and Hester found a seam up the middle to score untouched — his third touchdown on a punt return this season.



Miami's Devin Hester, here returning a kickoff, ran a punt back 78 yards to help Miami hold off Louisville 41-38 on Thursday night.

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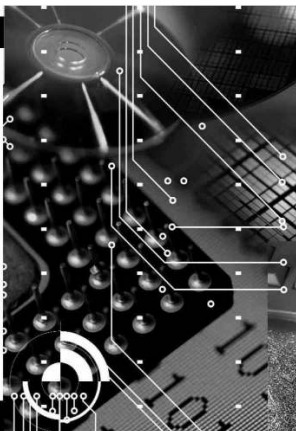
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Newman wins pole

Driver looks to UAW-GM Quality 500 victory to spark surge back to top in chase for Cup

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Ryan Newman has an engineering degree that helps him rely on facts instead of theories.

The fact of the matter is he's still a contender in the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship. The reality is that he's a long shot to win it.

Either way, winning the pole Thursday night at Lowe's Motor Speedway won't hurt him. Newman will start first in the UAW-GM Quality 500 after shattering the track record with a lap at 188.877 mph.

Although he's eighth in the standings and 232 points behind leader Kurt Busch, Newman knows a victory Saturday night would go a long way toward closing the gap and getting him back in the race for the title.

"We are at a deficit, but I think we can make that up," he said. "It's going to be hard and it's probably going to take some misfortune from some other competitors. But mathematically, we are still capable."

Newman's lap beat the track record of 187.052 that Jimmie Johnson set here in May — a lap that erased the record Newman had held.

"I told my wife I wanted it back," he said.

Kasey Kahne ran a lap at 187.311 to qualify second and Casey Mears was second to put Dodge in the first three spots. Mears won the pole for Friday night's Busch series race shortly before he made his Cup qualifying run.

Both Kahne and Mears are looking for their first Nextel Cup victories Saturday night, but the focus is on the Chase for the title.

With six races left in the 10-event playoff system, it's almost turned into a three-man race. Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon are battling for the lead, with the other seven drivers hoping the top three slip up enough to gain some ground.

Elliott Sadler is one of them, and he qualified his Ford fifth Thursday night. But he knows to pull within striking distance, he needs the others to make mistakes.

"We think that Kurt Busch has been very, very consistent and we wouldn't wish bad luck on anybody," Sadler said. "But I think he's going to have to have at least one slip to let a couple of us back in the game."

The slips might have been in qualifying, when the three drivers at the top were only mediocre: Busch qualified 21st, Gordon 23rd, Earnhardt 25th.

They head into the race with Busch holding a 29-point lead over Earnhardt. Gordon is 79 points back.

Busch wasn't rattled by the mediocre qualifying run.

"It's a good car. We haven't had any problems with it until now," he said. "We've got to get up there and lead a lap and get those five points and make sure we do the best job all day."

Meanwhile, the drivers trying to climb back into the Chase had strong qualifying runs.

Johnson, who dominated the race here in May by leading 334 of 400 laps, qualified



Ryan Newman is all smiles after setting a track record of 188.877 mph in winning the pole for Saturday night's NASCAR race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

ninth. He is desperate for a strong run after wrecking at Kansas last Sunday to fall 247 points behind the leader.

Mark Martin, who announced earlier Thursday that 2005 will be his final full-time season, qualified 12th. He's fifth in the standings, 150 points behind.

"We have a good race team, we're back a few points but we're fifth and we've moved up every week except for last week," Martin said.

"This is a week to try to make some hay."

Jeremy Mayfield qualified 13th and, despite being in 10th place and 257 points behind, thinks he still has a shot at the title.

"We want to run up front all night and lead laps and see what happens," Mayfield said. "It's not over with yet. We could very easily come back."

Tony Stewart was 15th, and reigning series champion Matt Kenseth was 36th.

Langers tops Singh in Match Play upset

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Bernhard Langer beat Vijay Singh on the first extra hole Friday to knock the world's top-ranked player out of the World Match Play Championship in a first-round contest that stretched over two days.

Also eliminated in the opening round were the four golfers from the United States as well as Canada's Mike Weir.

"It reminded me of that old Bible story when little David beat Goliath," said Langer, who as captain led Europe to a lopsided Ryder Cup victory last month over the United States.

"He's No. 1 in the world and I'm somewhere in the mid-70s," Langer said. "He was the hot favorite. I was up most of the way but missed a few short putts or I would have been more up."

Seven first-round matches were completed early Friday after being stopped by darkness on Thursday following a 2½-hour rain delay.

Singh battled back from three down with four holes to play to even the match, but Langer won with a birdie on the first playoff hole, the 571-yard 17th.

Ernie Els beat Scotland's Drummond 2 and 1 on Friday, completing one of the matches halted by darkness a day earlier.

"As No. 1 I see there is always pressure on me to perform," he said. "If I lose, it's a huge thing. I'm just happy to get through."

In the other six first-round matches: Angel Cabrera defeated K.J. Choi 1 and 1; Padraig Harrington defeated Chris Riley 2 and 1; Thomas Levet defeated Weir 2 and 1; Lee Westwood defeated Todd Hamilton 4 and 3; Miguel Angel Jimenez defeated Steve Flesch 3 and 2; and Retief Goosen defeated Jeff Maggert 12 and 11.

The winner on Sunday receives \$1.8 million, billed as the biggest prize in world golf.

Park fires 62

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Grace Park capped an almost flawless round by rolling in a 25-foot birdie putt for a 10-under 62 Thursday that gave her a two-stroke lead after the first round of the Samsung World Championship.

The 25-year-old Park shot 29 on the back nine, good 7-under over the last eight holes. Park's round included an eagle, nine birdies and one bogey.

Garrison Mathews had a 64 and three-time champion Annika Sorenstam was at 66 with defending



Bernhard Langer acknowledges the gallery after beating Vijay Singh 1-up after 37 holes in the World Match Play tournament.

champion Sophie Gustafson, Lorena Ochoa and Cristie Kerr. Amateur Michelle Wie, who turned 15 on Monday, played in the same group with Sorenstam and shot 74.

Dufner leads Greensboro

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Jason Dufner shot a 7-under 65 to match his best round of the year and take a one-shot lead after the first round of the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro.

Dufner has missed the cut in 15 of 26 tournaments and, with only two events left, is 188th on the money list. Only the top 125 are guaranteed a spot for 2005.

V. Williams is defeated in Kremlin quarterfinal

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Unseeded Russian Elena Bovina upset error-prone Venus Williams in their quarterfinal showdown at the Kremlin Cup tennis tournament Friday.

Bovina won 6-3, 2-6 to advance to the semifinals against compatriot Elena Dementieva, who ousted fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport defeated Francesca Schiavone of Italy 6-4, 6-1 to secure a spot in the semis against French Open and defending Kremlin Cup champion Anastasia Myskina, who beat countrywoman Vera Zvonareva 4-6, 6-0, 7-5.

In the men's quarterfinals, British veteran Greg Rusedski upset second seed Joachim Johansson of Sweden 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (7-1), 7-6 (9-7) in a tough battle of hard servers. Rusedski fired 32 aces and Johansson 33, but neither converted a single break point.

Shaughnessy to semifinals

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Second-seeded Meghan Shaughnessy advanced to the Tasikent Open semifinals Friday with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ukraine's Olga Savchuk after cold weather delayed the start of play.

In the semifinals, Shaughnessy will face 15-year-old Nicole Vaidisova of the Czech Republic, who

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rallied to defeat fourth-seeded Arantxa Parra Santonja of Spain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.

Mass ousted in CA quarters

VIENNA, Austria — Olympic champion Nicolas Pietrangola of Chile was ousted 6-4, 6-3 by Italian Davide Sanguinetti in Friday's CA Trophy quarterfinals.

Tommy Haas of Germany also advanced, beating American Robby Ginepri 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ex-Brave Nixon arrested

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Former major league outfielder Otis Nixon was jailed after the company holding his bond from a previous arrest decided not to honor it because he missed a court appearance.

Nixon was brought to Gwinnett County Jail on Thursday, and remained there Friday, sheriff's spokeswoman Stacey Kelley said.

In January, Nixon was arrested for allegedly threatening his bodyguard with a knife. He was released on \$3,350 bond.

In February, Nixon, 45, was charged with misdemeanor sexual battery for allegedly fondling a woman at his home. He was released on \$1,000 bond but didn't show for a court date Wednesday, prompting the arrest warrant.

Two: Shaky bullpen helps sink Houston

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"I've been in this situation before when everybody tries to be a hero," Pujols said. "I just want to get on base. I don't care if it's a hit or a bunt, I just want to create anything with the guys behind you. You don't have to be a hero on this team. You want to get a pitch to hit and create something. I know I've got Scott and Jimmy (Edmonds) and Edgar (Renteria) behind me."

Edgar Harville entered the game behind Munro in the fifth, and Harville's second pitch became Rolan's first home run and his third out of the postseason.

Criticized for using closer Brad Lidge too liberally during his division series win over the Atlanta Braves, Garner refrained from bringing him into an eighth-inning tie with the middle of the Cardinals batting order approaching.

The Astros were punished severely for scoring only four of 18 base-runners and wasting several early opportunities against an erratic Morris. They led from the game's third pitch when center fielder Carlos Beltran homered to left field. Morris walked five, threw a wild pitch and committed a costly bunt in five innings. He left trailing 3-0, but because of the fifth-inning rally stood to be the winning pitcher until the Astros reached Kiko Calero for a tying run in the seventh.

Following a 28-minute rain delay at the start of the game, the Astros did in three pitches to Morris what it took them 10 to do against Woody Williams the night before.

Beltran provided the Astros a two-run lead against Williams when he ripped his fifth home run of the postseason in Wednesday's first inning. This time the switch-hitting, five-tool talent took Morris' 0-1 pitch deep into the right field seats for a solo shot and a 1-0 lead.

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Radar-watching has become a favorite pastime during Morris' erratic season. But for a second straight start his fastball regularly topped 90 miles per hour, and his curveball was good enough to get at least two early strikeouts, including one that started an inning-ending double play in a dizzy thir.

The Astros bungled several early chances, leaving a shaky bullpen as a factor.

Morris walked four and unceremoniously walked in the first three innings before third baseman Morgan Ensberg began the fourth with the Astros' sixth home run of the series for a 2-0 lead.

In the second inning, second baseman Jeff Kent's leadoff double plus a pair of two-out walks to No. 8 hitter Brad Ausmus (intentional) and Munro loaded the bases for second baseman Craig Biggio, who bounced out to end the threat.

Beltran and first baseman Jeff Bagwell walked to begin the third inning, giving Morris four walks in a span of five hitters. He escaped by getting a pop fly to center and a double play when Beltran failed to run on a 3-2 curveball that struck out Biggio. With Bagwell moving from first, he was easily run down to end the threat.

Back at home, Red Sox's optimism belies deficit

Boston remains positive despite trailing series 0-2

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A gloomy off day in the AL championship series could be followed by a rainout.

The Red Sox returned home Thursday after losing the first two games of the AL championship series to the Yankees in New York. As its workout began, Boston announced ace Curt Schilling's ailing ankle will prevent him from pitching Game 5 and perhaps the rest of the postseason.

Then rain began to fall, wiping out much of New York's practice.

The forecast is for a downpour Friday night, which could cause a postponement of Game 3 and lead both teams to reshuffle their rotations.

"I obviously feel a lot of pressure," said Bronson Arroyo, Boston's Game 3 starter. "We've backed into a corner."

While the Red Sox are used to Fenway's nooks and crannies, their deficit is a daunting ditch to escape, especially after New York beat Schilling and Pedro Martinez. Of 61 starters that have fallen behind 0-2 in best-of-seven postseason baseball series, only 12 have rallied to win, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The numbers are even more dismal in the league championship series: 2-for-15.

And no major league team has overcome a 3-0 deficit.

"I think it's foolish to get too excited about a 2-0 lead," New York's Mike Mussina said.

Kevin Brown, the pitcher who hit the wall last month, starts Game 3 for the Yankees. New York manager Joe Torre decided Thursday that Orlando Hernandez, apparently recovered from a tired shoulder, will start Game 4 against knuckleballer Tim Lincecum.

With Schilling sidelined, Boston selected Derek Lowe to pitch Game 5 against Mussina.



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez tosses a ball during team workout at Fenway Park in Boston Thursday.

"Weather could dictate some changes," said Red Sox manager Terry Francona, who could bring Martinez back for Game 5 if there's a rainout.

If there's a game Monday — it would start at 5:10 p.m. — Martinez would avoid making another start in front of the taunting fans at Yankee Stadium, who'd love to chant "Who's Your Daddy?" one more night.

The Red Sox, a self-described band of "idiots," were loosey goosey at the ballpark. There was loud salsa music in the cramped clubhouse and a sunny spirit that contrasted the weather and the 0-2 deficit.

"The great news is that it's not a best-of-three series," Francona said.

Boston, seeking to break the Curse and win its first World Series title since 1918, has some comeback history this year to fall back on: The Red Sox trailed the first-place Yankees by 10 1/2 games on Aug. 16, then closed within two games in September before finishing second to New York in the AL East for the seventh straight season.

"This team never makes it easy on ourselves," Boston's Kevin

Millar said. "This team's not going to quit. It's not going to quit until the last at-bat."

Schilling, however, quit trying to get ready for Game 5, unable to overcome an injury to his ankle that prevents him from pushing off the pitching rubber effectively and will require surgery. The sheath that covers two tendons in Schilling's ankle is torn, allowing one of the tendons to slip out of its groove and rub against a bone.

"I can't pitch without altering my mechanics, then we're going to have to win a World Series without me," he said in a call to WEEI-AM. "It's doable, and if you're a world-champion club, you're going to find a way. And I believe we are, and I believe we will."

New York has won five straight postseason games since losing its first-round opener to Minnesota and has won all five best-of-seven series under Lou Piniella in which it's led 2-0.

"We've been fortunate that when we've gotten a little bit of a head of steam going, we've been able to maintain our edge," Torre said.

He decided to start Hernandez in Game 4 over Javier Vazquez, who pitched the first five innings against Minnesota last weekend and has one win in 10 starts since Aug. 6. El Duque, who hasn't pitched in a game since Oct. 1, looks better in a bullpen session Monday.

"I feel happy that I feel much better than last week," said Hernandez, 9-3 in postseason play.

As for Game 3, Boston went 4-0 in all four of Arroyo's starts against the Yankees this year, but he didn't get a decision in any of them. Arroyo went 5-0 in his last nine starts overall.

Brown beat the Twins in Game 3, allowing one run in six innings, his best performance since he broke his left (non-pitching) hand Sept. 3, punching a clubhouse wall in frustration during a game against Baltimore. He's pitching with a bad back but has managed to play through pain.

"It's been tough. It's been up and down," he said. "It's very difficult, again, going through what I went through."

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Two much for Astros



St. Louis Cardinals Albert Pujols, left, and Scott Rolen, right, hit the first back-to-back home runs in the team's postseason history to lead St. Louis to a 6-4 win over the Houston Astros on Thursday in the National League Championship Series. The Cardinals lead the series 2-0.

AP photos

Pujols, Rolen lead another Cardinals' rally in NLCS

BY JOE STRAUSS

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — First came the swing, then the launch and then the sound of 52,347 turning Busch Stadium into a deafening caldron.

Then, having given the Cardinals an eighth-inning home run that left the field in a Bronx-bound minute, Albert Pujols stuck out his right fist and shook it. Then he took a curtain call.

Then Scott Rolen made it happen all over again.

With the first back-to-back home runs in Cardinals postseason history, Pujols and Rolen completed another turnaround against a shell-shocked bullpen and accounted for a 6-4 win over the Houston Astros in Game 2 of the National League Championship Series.

Pujols and Rolen welcomed Astros reliever Dan Miceli with two homers in a four-pitch span. Pujols with his second home run of the series and Rolen with his second of a cold, rain-soaked night. The teams resume the series Saturday night at Minute Maid Park with the Cardinals halfway to their first World Se-

ries since 1987 and the Astros wondering where they can go for a late-inning stand.

Pujols' third hit broke a 4-4 tie forged by the Astros in the seventh inning.

Before that, the Cardinals had used a four-run fifth inning to erase a 3-0 deficit built against starting pitcher Matt Morris in five frantic frames.

The home run was Pujols' fourth of the postseason. Rolen's two home runs were one more than his hit total in the team's five previous postseason games.

The flurry buried a team that had carried a lead for four innings behind little-known starter Pete Munro, a career 13-game winner given his release in June by the Minnesota Twins. Munro carried a shutout through four innings before two-out, two-run homers by right fielder Larry Walker and Rolen put the Cardinals ahead 4-3.

"Rolen's two home runs hurt, no question," said Astros manager Phil Garner. "Bottom line, we've been pretty good stopping our opponent from going ahead late in the ballgame. We haven't done that in this series."

Rolen was one for 18 in the postseason before taking his fifth-inning at-bat.

"Mentally your wheels start grinding a little bit and you want to do too much ... instead of taking good at-bats and getting good pitches to hit," Rolen said. "You try to go through everything and not be overly concerned with results. In a short series along the way, that's a big part of it."

"I don't know what my postseason numbers are but I know tonight that I helped contribute to us winning the ballgame. The next day I hope I can help contribute to us winning the ballgame."

Bothered by ankle, knee and calf pain, Rolen would not answer whether he would playing in midseason with his mix of injuries.

"I'm not going to worry about that. This is October," Rolen said. "This is a special opportunity to go out and do what I do."

Three innings later, Miceli became the second Astros reliever greeted with a homer.

Pujols' home run was his third in as many games. His blast Sunday broke the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 4 of the division series.

Wednesday he opened the Cardinals' scoring with a home run in the first.

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